



International Tribunal for the
Prosecution of Persons
Responsible for Serious Violations of
International Humanitarian Law
Committed in the Territory of the
Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Case No.: IT-98-34-T
Date: 16 October 2002
Original: English

BEFORE TRIAL CHAMBER I SECTION A

Before: Judge Liu Daqun, Presiding
Judge Maureen Harding Clark
Judge Fatoumata Diarra

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of: 16 October 2002

PROSECUTOR

v.

**MLADEN NALETILIĆ aka "TUTA"
and
VINKO MARTINOVIĆ aka "ŠTELA"**

**DECISION ON JOINT DEFENCE MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME FOR ALL PARTIES TO FILE FINAL BRIEF**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Kenneth Scott

Counsel for the Accused:

**Mr. Krešimir Krsnik, for Mladen Naletilić
Mr. Branko Šerić, for Vinko Martinović**

TRIAL CHAMBER I, SECTION A (“the Chamber”) of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (“the Tribunal”):

BEING SEISED OF the “Joint Defence Motion for Extension of Time for all Parties to File Final Brief”, filed on 14 October 2002 (“the Motion”), whereby the Accused Naletilić and Martinović jointly request an extension of 48 hours for the filing of final briefs;

NOTING that the parties argued the issue during the hearing on 15 October 2002;

CONSIDERING the “Scheduling Order”, (“the Order”) dated 29 August 2002, whereby the Chamber ordered that the parties “will file their final briefs no later than 23 October 2002, and will present their closing arguments from 28 until 30 October 2002”;¹

CONSIDERING the “Order on the Accused Naletilić’s Motion for the Trial Chamber to otherwise Direct the Time for Filing of Final Briefs” issued on 10 September, whereby the Chamber denied a request by the Accused Naletilić to revisit the Order and to extend the time for the filing of the final brief;

CONSIDERING that Rule 86 (B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“the Rules”) provides that “[n]o later than five days prior to presenting a closing argument, a party shall file a final trial brief”;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS

DENIES the Motion.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

Dated this sixteenth day of October 2002,
At The Hague,
The Netherlands


Judge Liu Daqun
Presiding Judge

[Seal of the Tribunal]

¹ The Order, at p. 3.