

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-02-54-T

Date:

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IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Richard May, Presiding

Judge Patrick Robinson Judge O-Gon Kwon

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

31 January 2003

PROSECUTOR

v.

SLOBODAN MILOŠEVIĆ

DECISION ON MOTION BY THE DEFENCE FOR MOMČILO KRAJIŠNIK FOR ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Geoffrey Nice

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Mr. Timothy McCormack

The Accused:

Slobodan Milošević

Counsel for Momčilo Krajišnik:

Mr. Deyan Brashich

THIS TRIAL 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 ("International Tribunal"),

BEING SEISED of a "Motion by the Krajišnik Defense in *Prosecutor v. Momčilo Krajišnik and Biljana Plavšić, IT-39&40-PT* for access to closed session testimony, witness statements and transcripts and for documents and things filed under seal", filed by counsel for Momčilo Krajišnik ("Defence") on 22 November 2002 ("the Motion"), and the response filed by the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") on 6 December 2002,

NOTING that the Defence seeks access to the following types of confidential material in the case of *Prosecutor v. Slobodan Milošević* ("the Milošević proceedings"), insofar as they relate to events in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period from 1 July to 30 December 1992: (1) closed session testimony of witnesses in relation to the Bosnia phase of the Milošević proceedings; (2) production of the statements of these witnesses, including transcripts of any interviews with such witnesses, pursuant to Rule 68 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal ("Rules"); and (3) sealed documents and exhibits produced during their testimony,

NOTING that the Prosecution asserts that it has no objection to the Defence being granted access to such closed session testimony and confidential exhibits after redaction by the Registry of those parts which (a) might reveal the identity of any protected person; (b) relate to the period after 30 December 1992; or (c) relate to Croatia or Kosovo, subject to the Defence being ordered not to disclose to the public any confidential material so provided,

NOTING that the Prosecution objects to the production of the statements of any such witnesses on the basis that the Defence is not entitled to such documents under Rule 66 of the Rules, and that it is actively engaged in the ongoing process of reviewing these statements and disclosing to the Defence any material which falls within Rule 68,

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CONSIDERING that there is no objection to the provision of the closed session

testimony and related exhibits, subject to redaction and an order restricting public

disclosure,

PURSUANT to Rule 75 of the Rules.

GRANTS the Motion in part and **ORDERS** as follows:

(1) the Registry of the International Tribunal shall, as soon as practicable and on

an ongoing basis, provide the Defence with copies of all closed session

testimony in the Milošević proceedings, duly redacted after consultation with

the Prosecution to remove all material which may identify a protected person,

or which relates to the period after 30 December 1992 or which relates to

Croatia or Kosovo;

(2) the Defence shall not disclose to the public or to the media the nature of

content of any closed session material so disclosed, except for reasons related

to the preparation of the Krajišnik defence; and

the Prosecution shall continue to review the witness statements and transcripts **(3)**

of interviews, and shall disclose to the Defence within one month of the date

of this Decision any material which falls within the terms of Rule 68 of the

Rules.

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

Richard May

Presiding

Dated this thirty-first day of January 2003 At The Hague The Netherlands

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