



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

Case No. IT-02-65-PT
Date: 24 March 2003
Original: ENGLISH

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Judge Richard May, Presiding
Judge Patrick Robinson
Judge O-Gon Kwon

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of: 24 March 2003

PROSECUTOR
v.
ŽELJKO MEAKIĆ
MOMČILO GRUBAN
DUŠAN FUŠTAR
PREDRAG BANOVIĆ
DUŠKO KNEŽEVIĆ

**DECISION ON DEFENCE REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH
TO FILE ITS PRE-TRIAL BRIEF**

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Ms. Sanja Turlakov, for Momčilo Gruban
Mr. Theodore Scudder and Mr. Dragan Ivetić, for Dušan Fuštar
Ms. Slobodanka Nedić and Mr. Thomas Moran, for Duško Knežević
Mr. Jovan Babić and Mr. Thomas Rothpfeffer, for Predrag Banović

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 Defence Request for an Extension of Time in which to File its Pre-trial Brief, filed on 18 March 2003 (“Request”), filed by the Defence of Momčilo Gruban (“Defence”), which requests the granting of an additional fourteen days to file its Pre-trial Brief, from the day it receives the Trial Chamber’s decision on the Defence Preliminary Motion on the form of the consolidated indictment (“Preliminary Motion”),

NOTING the status conference held on 10 December 2002, in which the Pre-trial Judge ordered the Defence to file its Pre-trial Brief no later than 31 March 2003,

NOTING the Defense Preliminary Motion, filed by the Defence on 23 December 2003,

NOTING the Prosecution’s Pre-trial Brief Pursuant to Rule 65*ter* (E)(i), filed by the Office of the Prosecutor on 7 February 2003,

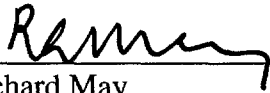
CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber has not yet rendered its decision on the Defence Preliminary Motion,

CONSIDERING that the Defence submits that it has no indictment to which to file its Pre-trial Brief against,

PURSUANT TO Rules 54 and 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal,

HEREBY GRANTS the Motion and **DECIDES** that the Defence will have an additional fourteen days to file its Pre-trial Brief, from the day it receives the Trial Chamber's decision on the Preliminary Motion.

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


Richard May
Presiding Judge

Dated this twenty-fourth day of March 2003
At The Hague
The Netherlands