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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-95-10/1-I

Date:

7<sup>th</sup> October 2003

Original:

English

## **BEFORE THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE**

Before: Judge Alphons Orie, Pre-Trial Judge

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

Order of: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003

PROSECUTOR v. RANKO ČEŠIĆ

**CONFIDENTIAL** 

ORDER TO CONVERT A STATUS CONFERENCE INTO A HEARING TO ENTERTAIN A JOINT MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PROSECUTOR AND RANKO ČEŠIĆ

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Mark Harmon

**Counsel for the Defence:** 

Mr. Mihaljo Bakrač

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I, ALPHONS ORIE, Pre-Trial Judge of Trial Chamber I 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 International Tribunal");

**NOTING** the Presiding Judge's Order of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2002 to assign me as the Pre-Trial Judge in this case;

**NOTING** that a Plea Agreement has been signed by Mr. Ranko Češić ("the Accused") today, Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003;

**NOTING** the joint filing of documents pursuant to Rule 62ter of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("the Rules"), filed confidentially and under seal by the Parties on this day, Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003;

**NOTING** that a Status Conference has been scheduled in this case for Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at 10:00AM in Courtroom I;

**CONSIDERING** that the scheduled Status Conference should rightly be converted into a hearing to entertain the Joint Motion for Consideration of the Plea Agreement between Ranko Češić and the Prosecutor;

PURSUANT to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;

**HEREBY ORDER** that the Status Conference be converted into a hearing to entertain the Joint Motion for Consideration of the Plea Agreement between Ranko Češić and the Prosecutor, and that the hearing shall be held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom III.

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

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003,

At The Hague,

The Netherlands

Judge Alphons Orie Pre-Trial Judge

[Seal of the Tribunal]

7<sup>th</sup> October 2003