# **UNITED NATIONS**

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-95-16-R.3

Date:

3 November 2003

Original:

English

## **IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER**

Before:

Judge Theodor Meron, Presiding

Judge Fausto Pocar Judge Liu Daqun

Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen

Judge Mehmet Güney

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

3 November 2003

#### **PROSECUTOR**

## DRAGO JOSIPOVIĆ

### **DECISION ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Counsel for the Prosecutor:** 

Mr. Norman Farrell

Counsel for Drago Josipović:

Mr. Ranko Radović

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**THE APPEALS 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** the "Request of the Counsel for Extention(sic) of Time-Limit" filed by counsel for Drago Josipović ("Defence") on 20 October 2003 ("Request");

**NOTING** the "Proposal of the Counsel of Drago Josipović for the Revision of the Case" filed confidentially on 11 September 2003 pursuant to Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal ("Rules");

**NOTING** the "Prosecution's Response to the Proposal of the Counsel of Drago Josipović for the Revision of the Case and Prosecution's Request for an Extension of Page Limit" filed confidentially on 17 October 2003" ("Response");

**NOTING** that on 30 October 2003 the Prosecution orally informed the senior legal officer of the Appeals Chamber that it would not oppose the Request;

**CONSIDERING** that in the Request the Defence seeks a 15-day extension of time to submit a reply to the Response on the grounds that "the counsel does not speak English, therefore...he must wait for the translations. Also, he must have his answer be translated into english..." and that "For the translations, for the studying of the text of the prosecutor and for the composition of the answer, one needs at least 30 days";

**CONSIDERING** that the inability to work in English is not a good cause for the granting of an extension of time under Rule 127 of the Rules because the Defence has chosen English as its working language in the proceedings before the International Tribunal and therefore it must be able to work directly in English without having a translation of the Response into BCS;

**CONSIDERING**, however, the length and complexity of the Response and the fact that the Prosecution does not oppose the Request;

**FINDING** that there is good cause for granting a limited extension of time pursuant to Rule 127 of the Rules:

**CONSIDERING** that pursuant to Rule 119(C) of the Rules the reply would be due on Monday 3 November 2003;

**HEREBY GRANTS** in part the Request and **ORDERS** the Defence to file the reply no later than Monday, 10 November 2003.

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

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2003 At The Hague, The Netherlands.

Judge Theodor Meron Presiding

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