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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

IT-02-54-T

Date:

23 January 2004

Original:

English

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Richard May, Presiding

Judge Patrick Robinson Judge O-Gon Kwon

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Order of:

23 January 2004

PROSECUTOR

v.

SLOBODAN MILOŠEVIĆ

DECISION ON PROSECUTION MOTION FOR THE TESTIMONY VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE LINK OF GENERAL FERENC VEGH

Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Geoffrey Nice

Ms. Hildegaard Uertz-Retzlaff

Mr. Dermot Groome

The Accused:

Mr. Slobodan Milošević

Amici Curiae:

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Mr. Branislav Tapušković Prof. Timothy McCormack

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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 "Prosecution Motion for the Testimony of Genral [sic] Ferenc Vegh

via Video-Conference Link", filed by the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") on 23

January 2004, requesting that expert witness General Ferenc Vegh ("witness"), pursuant to

Rule 71bis of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal ("Rules"), be

permitted to testify by means of video-conference link due to serious health concerns,

NOTING that Rule 71bis of the Rules provides that, at the request of a party, a Trial

Chamber may, in the interests of justice, order that testimony be received via video-

conference link,

CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber is satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to

permit the Prosecution to call the witness via video-conference link,

NOTING Prosecutor v. Duško Tadić, Case No. IT-94-1, "Decision on the Defence Motions

to Summon and Protect Witnesses, and on Giving Evidence by Video-Link", 25 June 1996,

para. 22 ("Tadić Decision") and the criteria set out therein for the giving of testimony by

means of video-conference link,

PURSUANT to Rule 71bis of the Rules,

HEREBY GRANTS the Motion and ORDERS that the testimony of the witness shall be

given by means of video-conference link according to the criteria set out in the Tadić

Decision, and

REQUESTS the Registry of the International Tribunal to take all reasonable measures to

ensure that the video-conference link is established according to the criteria set out in the

Tadić Decision.

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

Patrick Robinson

Judge

Dated this 23rd day of January 2004 At The Hague The Netherlands