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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-02-54-T

Date:

5 February 2004

Original:

English

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Richard May, Presiding

Judge Patrick Robinson Judge O-Gon Kwon

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

5 February 2004

PROSECUTOR

v.

SLOBODAN MILOŠEVIĆ

ORDER SCHEDULING HEARINGS TO THE CLOSE OF THE PROSECUTION CASE

The Office of the Prosecutor

Ms. Carla Del Ponte

Mr. Geoffrey Nice

Mr. Dermot Groome

The Accused

Mr. Slobodan Milošević

Amici Curiae

Mr. Steven Kay, QC

Mr. Branislav Tapušković

Mr. Timothy L.H. 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 ("the International Tribunal"),

Proprio motu

NOTING that the Prosecution is to conclude its case within seven sitting days,

CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber was required to cancel the proceedings for the sitting days of 3 to 5 February 2004 due to the illness of the Accused, and that it is in the interests of justice that the Prosecution case be brought to a close by 19 February 2004,

CONSIDERING that it is therefore appropriate to schedule the remainder of the Prosecution case to be completed in five sitting days, the times for which will be lengthened to accommodate the remaining time available to the Prosecution to conclude its case,

CONSIDERING that because the Accused must prepare for five longer sitting days in circumstances where he is currently unwell, and because the longer sitting days will create a requirement for the Accused to make preparations outside of the normal sitting schedule, it is appropriate for the Registrar to provide whatever reasonable assistance the Accused may require to prepare for court,

PURSUANT TO Rule 54 of the Rules,

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The Trial Chamber will sit in this case on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 - 12 February 2004 and Wednesday and Thursday, 18 - 19 February 2004, at the following times:

9am - 10.30am

11am - 12.30pm

2pm - 3.15pm

3.30 pm - 4.45 pm

which shall be the time available for the Prosecution to conclude its case; and

(2) The Registrar is requested to lend all appropriate assistance to the Accused in order to facilitate his preparation for court under the revised sitting schedule.

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

Patrick Robinson

Judge

Dated this fifth day of February 2004 At The Hague The Netherlands

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