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Case No. IT-04-74-PT Date: 5 October 2004 Original: English

BEFORE THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE

Before:

Judge Alphons Orie

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Order of:

5 October 2004

PROSECUTOR

v.

JADRANKO PRLIĆ **BRUNO STOJIĆ** SLOBODAN PRALJAK MILIVOJ PETKOVIĆ VALENTIN CORIĆ BERISLAV PUSIĆ

ORDER TO RESCIND PROTECTIVE MEASURES

The Office of the Prosecutor:

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Mr. Ćamil Salahović and Mr. Želimir Par for the accused Mr. Jadranko Prlić

Mr. Željko Olujić for the accused Mr. Bruno Stojić

Mr. Bozidar Kovačić and Ms. Nika Pinter for the accused Mr. Slobodan Praljak

Ms. Vesna Alaburić for the accused Mr. Milivoi Petković

Mr. Tomislav Jonjić for the accused Mr. Valentin Ćorić

Mr. Marinko Škobić for the accused Mr. Berislav Pušić

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I, ALPHONS ORIE, Judge in Trial Chamber I (the "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 "Tribunal");

NOTING the decision dated 5 April 2004 of the Presiding Judge of the Chamber to appoint me as

the Pre-Trial Judge in this case;¹

BEING SEIZED of "[t]he Accused Milivoj Petković's Motion to Rescind Protective Measures in

Respect of his Testimony as a Witness in the Case Prosecutor v. Tihomir Blaškić (No. IT-95-14)",

filed on 20 September 2004 (the "Motion");

NOTING that Milivoj Petković (the "Accused") requests the Chamber to lift the protective

measures imposed by the Trial Chamber seised of the *Blaškić* case (the "*Blaškić* Trial Chamber")

on the testimony given by the Accused in that case;

NOTING the "Prosecution Response to the Accused Milivoj Petković's Motion to Rescind

Protective Measures in Respect of His Testimony as a Witness in the Case Titled The Prosecutor v.

Tihomir Blaškić", filed on 1 October 2004, whereby the Prosecution indicates that it does not

oppose the Motion;

NOTING that, in its "Decision of Trial Chamber I in respect of protective measures for General

Milivoj Petković" dated 22 June 1999, the Blaškić Trial Chamber ordered that (i) the testimony of

Milivoj Petković "be given in closed session", and that (ii) "neither the Prosecution nor the Defence

disclose to a third party, whosoever they may be, any element whatsoever of the testimony" of

Milivoj Petković;

NOTING that Rule 75(G) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the "Rules") provides that "[a]

party to the second proceedings seeking to rescind, vary or augment protective measures ordered in

the first proceedings must apply (ii) if no Chamber remains seised of the first proceedings, to the

Chamber seized of the second proceedings";

CONSIDERING that the protective measures were ordered by the Blaškić Trial Chamber at the

request of the Government of the Republic of Croatia; that the authorities of the Republic of

Croatia, at the request of the Accused, informed the Blaškić Trial Chamber, by a letter dated 5

¹ Order Designating Pre-Trial Judge, 5 April 2004.

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September 2000,² that the reasons why the Government of the Republic of Croatia requested the abovementioned protective measures had ceased to exist; that the Blaškić Trial Chamber did not issue a decision on this matter;

CONSIDERING that the Accused expresses interest in having his testimony opened to public access; that nothing now prevents the protective measures then ordered by the Blaškić Trial Chamber from being lifted;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

PURSUANT to Rule 75(G)(ii) of the Rules,

GRANT the Motion and RESCIND the protective measures ordered by the Blaškić Trial Chamber with respect to the testimony given by Milivoj Petković in the Blaškić case.

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

Dated this Fifth Day of October 2004.

At The Hague,

The Netherlands.

Judge Alphons Orie

Pre-Trial Judge

[Seal of the Tribunal]

² Letter annexed to the Motion.

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