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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-99-36-A

Date:

3 June 2005

Original:

**English** 

## **BEFORE THE PRE-APPEAL JUDGE**

Before:

Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen, Pre-Appeal Judge

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

**Decision:** 

3 June 2005

### THE PROSECUTOR

 $\mathbf{v}_{\bullet}$ 

#### Radoslav BRĐANIN

# DECISION ON ASSOCIATION OF DEFENCE COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

### **Counsel for the Prosecutor:**

Mr. Mark McKeon

### **Counsel** for the Accused:

Mr. John Ackerman

### **Association of Defence Counsel:**

Chrissa Loukas, Acting President Joeri Maas, Head of Office

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I, MOHAMED SHAHABUDDEEN, Judge of 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");

NOTING the Order Appointing a Pre-Appeal Judge, filed on 22 October 2004, in which the

President designated me to serve as Pre-Appeal Judge in this case;

NOTING the Decision on Motion to Dismiss Ground 1 of the Prosecutor's Appeal, rendered on 5

May 2005, which, inter alia, invited the Association of Defence Counsel of the International

Tribunal ("Association") to submit an amicus curiae brief addressing the question whether the

membership of a joint criminal enterprise must include the physical perpetrators of the crime, and

requested that this brief be submitted within thirty days, or by 4 June 2005;

BEING SEISED OF the Association's Motion for an Extension of Time, which requests an

extension until 5 July 2005 on the grounds of a delay in the Registry's approval of funding and the

need for consultations with the members of the Association, since the question at issue will affect the

cases of numerous defendants in future cases before the International Tribunal;

CONSIDERING that these reasons constitute "good cause" for an extension of time within the

meaning of Rule 127 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;

**CONSIDERING** that the extension will not delay the proceedings, and will result in the Appeals

Chamber having the benefit of an amicus brief that reflects the considered, consensus view of the

Association's members;

**HEREBY GRANT** the requested extension of time to 5 July 2005.

<sup>1</sup> The Appellant's Brief is not due until 27 June 2005. See Decision on Motion to Extend Date for Filing Appellant's Brief, Case No. IT-99-36-A, 5 may 2005.

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

Mohamed Shahabuddeen

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Pre-Appeal Judge

Dated 3 June 2005 At The Hague The Netherlands

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