



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-03-68-T
Date: 17 March 2006
Original: English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Carmel Agius, Presiding
Judge Hans Henrik Brydesholt
Judge Albin Eser

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

Order of: 17 March 2006

PROSECUTOR

v.

NASER ORIĆ

SCHEDULING ORDER FOR CLOSING ARGUMENTS

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Jan Wubben
Ms. Patricia Sellers
Mr. Gramsci Di Fazio
Ms. JoAnne Richardson
Mr. Jose Doria

Counsel for the Accused:

Ms. Vasvija Vidović
Mr. John Jones

TRIAL CHAMBER II (“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 (“Tribunal”):

NOTING that the trial proceedings in this case adjourned on 10 March 2006;¹

NOTING the “Scheduling Order for Case Completion”, issued by the Trial Chamber on 9 February 2006 ordering that (i) closing briefs be filed no later than 17 March 2006; (ii) any response to the closing briefs be filed no later than 24 March 2006; and (iii) closing arguments be presented during the week of 3-7 April 2006;

NOTING the “Order on Defence Motion for Variation of the Word Limit for Final Trial Brief”, issued by the Trial Chamber on 9 March 2006, granting both parties an extension of the word limits, not to exceed 118,000 words, for the final briefs;

NOTING that the Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions (“Practice Direction”) stipulates that the responses will not exceed 3,000 words and that a party must seek authorisation in advance from the Chamber to exceed the word limits set forth in the Practice Direction providing an explanation of the exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filling;²

CONSIDERING that a proportionate extension of the word limits for responses to the final briefs is appropriate and that a clear instruction on the allocation of time of closing arguments will assist the parties;

PURSUANT TO Rules 54 and 86 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal,

¹ The close of the evidence in this case occurred on 1 February 2006 with the calling of the last Defence witness, with the exception of an independent handwriting expert who gave evidence on 28 February and 1 March 2006 and with a

HEREBY ORDERS that:

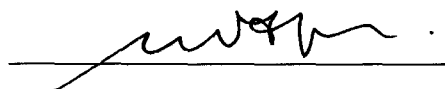
1. Responses of the parties to the closing briefs will be limited to 6, 500 words; and
2. The Office of the Prosecution shall present its closing arguments on 3 and 4 April 2006; the Defence for Naser Orić shall present its closing arguments on 5 and 6 April 2006; and 7 April 2006 will be reserved for the presentation of rebuttal and rejoinder arguments if the parties so desire.

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

Dated this seventeenth day of March 2006,

At The Hague

The Netherlands



Carmel Agius

Presiding Judge

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subsequent “clean-up” session held on 10 March 2006 at request of the Office of the Prosecution to discuss outstanding exhibits issues.

² Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions, IT/184/Rev. 2, 16 September 2005, (C)4 and (C)7.