UNITED **NATIONS**

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-AR65.1

Date:

17 March 2006

Original:

English

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Fausto Pocar, Presiding

Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen

Judge Liu Daqun **Judge Theodor Meron**

Judge Wolfgang Schomburg

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

17 March 2006

PROSECUTOR

v.

SLOBODAN MILOŠEVIĆ

DECISION ON ASSIGNED COUNSEL MOTION FOR EXPEDITED APPEAL AGAINST THE TRIAL CHAMBER'S "DECISION ON ASSIGNED COUNSEL REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL RELEASE"

Former Court Assigned Counsel The Government of the Russian Federation

Mr. Steven Kay, OC Ms. Gillian Higgins

The Office of the Prosecutor

Ms. Carla Del Ponte Mr. Geoffrey Nice

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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"),

RECALLING that the Appeals Chamber is seized of the "Assigned Counsel Motion for Expedited

Appeal Against the 'Decision on Assigned Counsel Request for Provisional Release,' Rendered by

the Trial Chamber on 23 February 2006 and Confidential Annex A" filed on 2 March 2006

("Assigned Counsel Motion");

NOTING the "Submission of the Registrar Pursuant to Rule 33(B) on the Death of Slobodan

Milošević" filed on 13 March 2006 in which the Registrar of the International Tribunal informed

the Trial Chamber presiding over this case that on Saturday, 11 March 2006, the accused Slobodan

Milošević was found dead in his cell at the United Nations Detention Unit ("UNDU") in The

Hague, and that his death was confirmed by the Medical Officer of the UNDU:

NOTING the "Order Terminating the Proceedings" in the trial, *Prosecutor v. Milošević*, issued by

the Trial Chamber on 14 March 2006;

CONSIDERING that the Assigned Counsel Motion, which appeals the Trial Chamber's "Decision

on Assigned Counsel Request for Provisional Release" issued on 23 February 2006 denying

Slobodan Milošević's provisional release to the Russian Federation, is rendered moot by the death

of Slobodan Milošević;

HEREBY DISMISSES the Assigned Counsel Motion as moot.

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

Dated this 17th day of March 2006,

At The Hague,

The Netherlands.

Judge Fausto Pocar, Presiding Judge

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