



International Tribunal for the  
Prosecution of Persons  
Responsible for Serious Violations of  
International Humanitarian Law  
Committed in the Territory of  
Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Case No. IT-01-45-PT  
Date: 26 April 2006  
Original: English

**IN TRIAL CHAMBER II**

**Before:** Judge Carmel Agius, Presiding  
Judge Kevin Parker  
Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert

**Registrar:** Mr. Hans Holthuis

**Order of:** 26 April 2006

**PROSECUTOR**

v.

**ANTE GOTOVINA**

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**DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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**The Office of the Prosecutor:**

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Ms Laurie Sartorio  
Ms Prashanthi Mahindaratne  
Ms Heike Bock

**Counsel for the Defence**

Mr Luka S. Mišetić  
Mr Gregory Kehoe

**TRIAL CHAMBER II** 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 “Chamber” and the “Tribunal”);

**BEING SEIZED OF** “Defendant Ante Gotovina’s Motion for Extension of Time to File Preliminary Motions Pursuant to Rule 72” filed on 21 April 2006 (“Motion”), whereby the Defence requests an extension of time of one week, *i.e.* until 28 April 2006, to file its Rule 72 motions challenging the proposed joinder indictment;

**NOTING** that the Pre-Trial Judge indicated during the Status Conference held on 7 April 2006 pursuant to Rule 65*bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), that the Defence shall file, if it so wishes, preliminary motions pursuant to Rule 72 of the Rules challenging the proposed joinder indictment by 21 April 2006;

**NOTING** that Rule 127(A)(i) of the Rules allows the Trial Chamber to grant a motion for extension of time upon a showing of good cause;

**NOTING** the Defence submission’s according to which, *inter alia*, due to the schedule of Defence counsel, it has not yet had an opportunity to complete its work on its Rule 72 motions;

**NOTING** that as recalled by the Trial Chamber in its “Decision on the Defence Motion for Extension of Time” issued on 29 March 2006, defence counsel have recently been admitted in the present case to represent the Accused Gotovina before the Tribunal;

**CONSIDERING** that the Defence has shown good cause for an extension of time and have requested a reasonable period of one extra week;

**PURSUANT TO** Rules 54 and 127(A)(i) of the Rules,

**HEREBY GRANTS** the Motion and

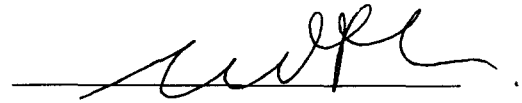
**ORDERS** that the Defence of the Accused Gotovina shall submit its motions pursuant to Rule 72 of the Rules by 28 April 2006.

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

Dated this twenty-sixth day of April 2006

At The Hague

The Netherlands



**Judge Carmel Agius**

**Presiding**

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