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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: IT-03-67-PT

Date: 19 June 2006

Original: English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Alphons Orie, Presiding
Judge Patrick Robinson
Judge Bakone Justice Moloto

Registrar: Mr Hans Holthuis

Decision of: 19 June 2006

PROSECUTOR

v.

VOJISLAV ŠEŠELJ

DECISION RE. SUBMISSION NO. 153

Office of the Prosecutor

Ms Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff
Mr Daniel Saxon
Mr Ulrich Mussemeyer

The Accused

Mr Vojislav Šešelj

Standby counsel

Mr Tjarda Eduard van der Spoel

TRIAL CHAMBER I of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (“Chamber”);

NOTING the Accused’s “Motion for Trial Chamber II to Commence the Trial of Vojislav Šešelj as a Matter of Urgency” (Submission no. 145), filed on 20 April 2006;

NOTING the Prosecution’s “Application for an Urgent Court Order in relation to the Defence Application for Trial Chamber II to Commence the Trial of Vojislav Šešelj as a Matter of Urgency”, filed on 27 April 2006;

NOTING the Accused’s “Response to the Prosecution’s Application for an Urgent Court Order in relation to Motion for Trial Chamber II to Commence the Trial of Vojislav Šešelj as a Matter of Urgency” (Submission no. 153), filed on 17 May 2006;

NOTING that during the Status Conference on 19 May 2006 the pre-Trial Judge, taking notice of Article 6 of the Practice Direction on the Procedure for the Review of Written Submissions which Contain Obscene or otherwise Offensive Language, (i) rendered an oral decision that the Trial Chamber would not consider Submission no. 145, (ii) ordered the Registry to have it removed from the case file, and (iii) declared the Prosecution’s Application moot;¹

NOTING Article 6 of the Practice Direction of 1 November 2005 on the Procedure for the Review of Written Submissions which Contain Obscene or otherwise Offensive Language;

CONSIDERING that the Accused’s Response (Submission no. 153) also includes phrases and statements of offensive language;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS

PURSUANT TO Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence,

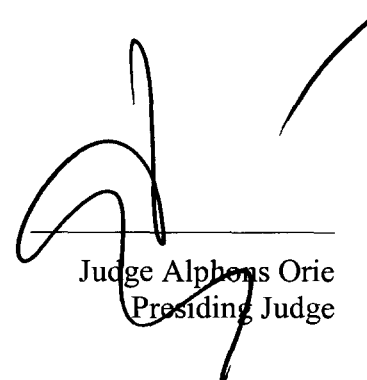
THE CHAMBER HEREBY,

¹ T. 522-3.

DECLARES the Accused's Response (Submission no. 153) null and void; and

ORDERS the Registry to have it removed from the case file.

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



Judge Alphons Orié
Presiding Judge

Dated this 19th day of June 2006
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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