



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-95-14
& 14/2-R77
Date: 26 June 2006
Original: English

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Judge Patrick Robinson, Presiding
Judge O-Gon Kwon
Judge Iain Bonomy

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

Order of: 26 June 2006

PROSECUTOR

v.

Josip JOVIĆ

**DECISION ON MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF TRIAL
AND RE-SCHEDULING ORDER**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. David Akerson
Mr. Salvatore Cannata

Counsel for the Accused Josip Jović:

Mr. Krešimir Krsnik

THIS 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”),

BEING SEIZED of a “Motion of the Accused Josip Jović for Postponement of Trial,” filed confidentially on 21 June 2006 (“Motion”), which seeks to postpone the trial in the present case for a period of three months in order for the Accused to care for his wife,

CONSIDERING the “Prosecution’s Response to the Motion of the Accused Josip Jović for Postponement of Trial,” also filed confidentially, on 22 June 2006 (“Response”), wherein the Office of the Prosecutor opposes the Motion,

NOTING the “Order on Scheduling of Trial” issued by the Trial Chamber on 15 June 2006, informing the parties that the trial in the present case shall be held on Monday, 3 July 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and continuing, should it be necessary, on Wednesday 5 July 2006, from 9:00 a.m.,

NOTING that on 23 June 2006, the Accused Josip Jović filed a confidential Reply to the Prosecution’s Response, but failed to seek leave from the Trial Chamber under Rule 126 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal (“Rules”), and the Chamber will not, therefore, take this reply into consideration in making its decision,

CONSIDERING that the trial in the present case should be concluded within a day, and that the Trial Chamber has made arrangements to ensure the availability of a full day of courtroom time on Monday, 3 July 2006, in order to facilitate the completion of the trial within one day,

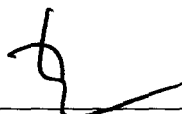
CONSIDERING therefore that the inconvenience to the Accused is minimal, and is outweighed by the need to conduct the trial at the earliest possible opportunity and when resources allow,

REMINDING the Prosecution and the Accused of the need to focus their arguments and submissions at trial on the essential, disputed points of fact and law, and for their submissions to be as clear and concise as possible, in order to ensure the completion of the trial in an expeditious manner;

PURSUANT TO Rule 54 of the Rules,

HEREBY DENIES the Motion, and **ORDERS** that the trial in the present case shall commence on Monday 3 July, 2006, at 8.30 a.m., continuing until 7:00 p.m., if necessary,

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



Judge O-Gon Kwon

Dated this twenty-sixth day of June 2006
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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