

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

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### IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

**Before:** 

Judge Iain Bonomy, Presiding

Judge Ali Nawaz Chowhan Judge Tsvetana Kamenova

Judge Janet Nosworthy, Reserve Judge

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

**Decision of:** 

8 December 2006

### **PROSECUTOR**

V.

MILAN MILUTINOVIĆ NIKOLA ŠAINOVIĆ DRAGOLJUB OJDANIĆ NEBOJŠA PAVKOVIĆ VLADIMIR LAZAREVIĆ SRETEN LUKIĆ

# DECISION ON PROSECUTION MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR WITNESS K89

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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"), is seised of the confidential and partially ex parte "Prosecution's Motion for Leave to Amend its Rule 65 ter List and for Protective Measures with Confidential and Ex Parte Annex A and Confidential Annex B", filed on 10 November 2006 ("Motion"), requesting, inter alia, the grant of the protective measures of pseudonym and imageand voice-distortion to witness K89, and hereby renders its decision thereon.

- On 30 November 2006, the Trial Chamber issued its "Order on Prosecution Motion for 1. Leave to Amend its Rule 65 ter List and for Protective Measures with Confidential and Ex Parte Annex A and Confidential Annex B" ("Order"), whereby it instructed the Prosecution to refile Annex A to the Motion in a confidential and inter partes manner, or to provide adequate reasons for filing this, or a portion thereof, in a confidential and ex parte manner. The Trial Chamber also requested the Prosecution to clarify the protective measures it was seeking for each witness.
- 2. On 1 December 2006, the Prosecution filed the confidential "Prosecution's Submission Pursuant to the Trial Chamber's Order of 30 November 2006" ("Submission"), in which the Prosecution explains the reasons for requesting the protective measures of pseudonym and imageand voice-distortion for the witness.
- 3. On the basis of the information provided in the Annex, the Trial Chamber is satisfied that the Prosecution has demonstrated the existence of a real risk to safety and security of witness K89 and of his/her family should it become publicly known that the witness has testified before the Tribunal. The Trial Chamber therefore considers that the protective measures of pseudonym, voice distortion, and image distortion are necessary and appropriate to protect witness K89.
- 4. The Trial Chamber, pursuant to Rules 54 and 75, hereby ORDERS as follows:
  - (a) Representatives of the public shall not photograph, video-record, or sketch the witness while s/he is on the premises of the Tribunal.
  - (b) The witness described in the Annex shall be identified by the pseudonym K89 in all proceedings before the Tribunal and in discussions among the parties.
  - (c) Witness K89 shall give his/her testimony with the use of image distortion.
  - (d) Witness K89 shall give his/her testimony with the use of voice distortion.

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- (e) The parties shall not disclose to the public any protected material, including information and documents, pertaining to this witness except to the limited extent that such disclosure is directly and specifically necessary for the preparation and presentation of the case or the knowledge of the parties. If the parties find it directly and specifically necessary to make disclosures pursuant to this limited purpose, they shall inform each person among the public to whom non-public material or information is shown or disclosed that such person is not to copy, reproduce, or publicise such material or information, and is not to show, disclose, or convey it to any other person. If provided with the original or any copy or duplicate of such material or information, such person shall return it to the party when continued possession of the material or information is no longer necessary for the preparation and presentation of the case.
- (f) Defence counsel, and their representatives and agents who are acting pursuant to their instructions or requests, shall notify the Prosecution of any requested contact with any of the witnesses referred to herein, in order to enable the Prosecution to make the necessary arrangements for such contact, in the event the witnesses agree to contact with Defence counsel.
- (g) The names, whereabouts, and other identifying information concerning the witness shall be sealed and not included in any public record of the Tribunal. To the extent that the names and other identifying information concerning the witness are contained in existing public documents of the Tribunal, that information shall be expunged from those documents.
- (h) If a member of the Prosecution or Defence team withdraws from the case, all material in his or her possession shall be returned to the person serving as lead counsel for that party at that time.
- (i) All materials pertaining to this witness, including those materials disclosed under subsection (e) above, shall be maintained on a confidential basis, destroyed, or returned to the Registry following the close of the above-referenced proceedings.
- (j) Except as provided for by subsection (e) above, any person who knowingly and wilfully discloses the identifying information of this witness, or any other information sufficient to identify this witness, shall be in violation of this Order, and may be subject to prosecution for contempt of the Tribunal pursuant to Rule 77 of the Rules.

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(k) All provisions of this Decision shall apply equally to the Prosecution; the Amici

Curiae (where necessary); the Accused and their Defence counsel, co-counsel, and

other members of the Defence team; and the public.

(1) For the purposes of this decision, the "public" means all persons, including

corporations; governments and organs/departments thereof; organisations; entities;

associations; groups; the Accused's family members, friends, and associates;

accused and defence counsel in other proceedings before the Tribunal; and the

media. However, for the purposes of this Decision, the "public" does not mean

Judges of the International Tribunal; staff of the Registry and the Office of the

Prosecutor; the Amici Curiae; or the Accused and their Defence counsel, co-counsel,

and other members of the Defence team.

5. The Chamber hereby INSTRUCTS the Registry to take all necessary measures to

implement this Decision.

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

Judge Iain Bonomy

Presiding

Dated this eighth day of December 2006 At The Hague The Netherlands

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