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IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Patrick Robinson, Presiding Judge

Judge Krister Thelin

Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

21 December 2006

PROSECUTOR

v.

DRAGOMIR MILOŠEVIĆ

DECISION ON THE PROSECUTION MOTION TO AMEND ITS RULE 65 TER EXHIBIT LIST

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TRIAL CHAMBER III 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 SEISED OF the "Prosecution Motion for Leave to File an Updated Rule 65 *ter* Exhibit List, with Confidential Annex A" filed partially confidentially by the Prosecution on 8 December 2006 ("Motion") in which the Prosecution seeks leave to amend and supplement its original exhibit list by adding 1162 exhibits and deleting 285 exhibits;

NOTING that the Defence did not file a response to the Motion;¹

CONSIDERING that pursuant to Articles 20(1) and 21(4)(b) of the Statute of the Tribunal an accused is entitled to a fair and expeditious trial and to have adequate time and facilities for the preparation of his defence;

CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber must therefore be satisfied that amendments to the exhibit list at this stage of the proceedings provide an accused sufficient notice and do not adversely affect his ability to prepare for trial;²

CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber may also take into account additional criteria, including whether the proposed evidence is *prima facie* relevant and of probative value to the charges against an accused³ and whether good cause for amending the exhibit list is shown;⁴

CONSIDERING further that Rule 89 (C) of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules") provides that a Trial Chamber may admit any relevant evidence which it deems to have probative value;

NOTING that the Prosecution submits that it has already disclosed the majority of the proposed additional exhibits to the Defence well in advance of the commencement of trial, with the exception of approximately 25 documents which, pursuant to Rule 70 of the Rules, will be disclosed to the Defence as soon as official permission is obtained from the provider;

CONSIDERING that the Prosecution has demonstrated the relevance and probative value of the proposed additional exhibits for the charges against the Accused, citing specifically the relevance to

¹ According to the Scheduling Order, dated 11 December 2006, the Defence was required to file its response to the Motion by no later than 15 December 2006.

² See, for example, *Prosecutor v. Martić*, Case No. IT-95-11-PT, Decision on Prosecution's Motion to Amend Its Rule 65 ter Exhibit List, 15 December 2005, p. 3; *Prosecutor v. Popović et al.*, Case No. IT-05-88-T, Decision on Prosecution's Motion for Leave to Amend the Rule 65 ter Exhibit List, 6 December 2006 ("*Popović* Decision"), p. 8; *Prosecutor v. Limaj et al.*, Case No. IT-03-66-T, Decision on Prosecution's Motion to Amend Witness List and for Protective Measures, 17 February 2006, para. 3; *Prosecutor v. Mrkšić et al.*, Case No. IT-95-13/1-T, Decision on Prosecution Motion to Amend its Rule 65 ter List, 6 June 2006, paras 3-4.

³ Prosecutor v. Orić, Case No. IT-03-68-T, Decision on Prosecution's Confidential Motion For Leave to Add Exhibits to its Exhibit List, 13 October 2004, p. 3; Popović Decision, p. 7.

 ⁴ Prosecutor v. Halilović, Case No. IT-01-48-T, Decision on Prosecution's Application for Leave to Vary its Exhibit List Filed Pursuant to Rule 65ter (E) (iii), 14 February 2005, p. 3; Popović Decision, p. 7.
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issues such as notice, crime-base, command and control, the widespread and systematic nature of attacks and other military issues;

CONSIDERING that the Prosecution has shown good cause for amending the exhibit list in this case, namely that the proposed material was only recently obtained as a result of newly-opened archives in Bosnia and Herzegovina, recently-conducted interviews with Prosecution witnesses and a thorough re-examination of the Prosecution's evidence;

FINDING therefore that (a) the rights of the Accused will not be prejudiced as a result of the amendment of the exhibit list; (b) the proposed additional exhibits are *prima facie* relevant and of probative value to the charges against the Accused; and (c) the Prosecution has shown good cause for the amendment of its exhibit list;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS and PURSUANT TO Rules 54 and 73bis of the Rules HEREBY GRANTS the Motion IN PART,

GRANTS leave to the Prosecution to amend its exhibit list to include the new exhibits identified in Confidential Annex A attached to the Motion;

DENIES the Motion insofar as it seeks to add material not already disclosed to the Defence, except when that material has not yet been disclosed for reasons relating to Rule 70 of the Rules.

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

Dated this twenty-first day of December 2006

At The Hague

The Netherlands

Patrick Robinson

Presiding Judge

[Seal of the Tribunal]

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