



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-95-13/1-T  
Date: 22 February 2007  
Original: English

**IN TRIAL CHAMBER II**

**Before:** Judge Kevin Parker, Presiding  
Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert  
Judge Krister Thelin

**Registrar:** Mr Hans Holthuis

**Decision:** 22 February 2007

**PROSECUTOR**

v.

**MILE MRKŠIĆ  
MIROSLAV RADIĆ  
VESELIN ŠLJIVANČANIN**

**DECISION ON ŠLJIVANČANIN DEFENCE MOTION FOR  
VARIATION FROM WORD LIMIT**

**The Office of the Prosecutor:**

Mr Marks Moore  
Mr Vincent Lunny

**Counsel for the Accused:**

Mr Miroslav Vasić and Mr Vladimir Domazet for Mile Mrkšić  
Mr Borivoje Borović and Ms Mira Tapušковиć for Miroslav Radić  
Mr Novak Lukić and Mr Momčilo Bulatović for Veselin Šljivančanin

**TRIAL CHAMBER II** (“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** “Veselin Šljivančanin’s Defence Motion For Variation of Word Limit”, filed on 16 February 2007 (“Motion”), in which the Defence for the Accused Veselin Šljivančanin (“Šljivančanin Defence”) requests authorisation to exceed the word limit of 60,000 words outlined in the Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions<sup>1</sup> (“Practice Direction”) for its Final Trial Brief;

**NOTING** that the Šljivančanin Defence submits that in view of the large amount of evidence relating to Veselin Šljivančanin and the number of issues that it needs to address, it is unable to meet the prescribed word limit requirement, and requests the extension of the limit to 90,000 words;

**CONSIDERING** that upon request a Chamber may, where exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing have been shown by the moving party, extend the word limit imposed by the Practice Direction;<sup>2</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that the amount of evidence of direct relevance to the criminal responsibility of Veselin Šljivančanin that was adduced in the course of the trial and the number of issues arising out of this evidence can be regarded as exceptional circumstances that warrant variation from the word limit requirements;

**CONSIDERING**, however, that the increase of the word limit to 90,000 words is excessive;

For the foregoing reasons and pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal and Clause (C)(7) of the Practice Direction;

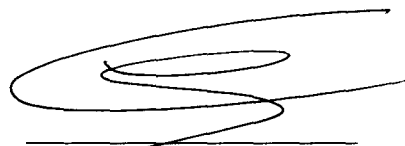
**HEREBY GRANTS** the Motion in part and **ORDERS** the Šljivančanin Defence to file a Final Trial Brief not exceeding 70,000 words.

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

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<sup>1</sup> IT/184/Rev. 2, 16 September 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Practice Direction, Clause (C)(7).



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Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert

Dated this 22nd day of February 2007  
At The Hague  
The Netherlands

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