



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 No.: IT-03-67-PT

Date: 17 October 2007

Original: ENGLISH
French

BEFORE THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE

Before: Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti

Registrar: Mr Hans Holthuis

Decision of: 17 October 2007

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

VOJISLAV ŠEŠELJ

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**DECISION ON PROSECUTION MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME-LIMIT**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Ms Christine Dahl

The Accused:

Mr Vojislav Šešelj

I, Jean-Claude Antonetti, Judge 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”);

SEIZED OF the motion filed by the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) on 15 October 2007 for an extension of the time-limit of 14 days it has to respond to the preliminary motion of Vojislav Šešelj (“Accused”) pursuant to Rule 126 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal (“Motion” and “Rules” respectively);¹

NOTING the preliminary motion filed by the Accused on 28 September 2007 (“Preliminary Motion”);²

CONSIDERING that pursuant to Rule 127 (A) of the Rules, the time-limits allocated under Rule 126 *bis* of the Rules may be enlarged or reduced “on good cause being shown by motion”;³

CONSIDERING that in its request, the Prosecution raises the issue of the length of the Preliminary Motion and argues that as a result of the pressure of the work on the Prosecution team assigned to the present case, it was not in a position to prepare its response to the Preliminary Motion;⁴

CONSIDERING that the Preliminary Motion raises complex points of law in relation to the indictment against the Accused;

CONSIDERING that the pre-trial Judge further notes the intensity of the work done by the Prosecution in recent weeks;

¹ Prosecution’s Motion to Enlarge the Time Within Which to Respond to the Objection by Professor Vojislav Šešelj to the Reduced Modified Indictment, 15 October 2007.

² Objection by Professor Vojislav Šešelj to the Reduced Modified Amended Indictment with Annex, received on 6 September 2007 and filed on 28 September 2007.

³ Rule 127 of the Rules.

⁴ Motion, paras. 2-3..

CONSIDERING nevertheless that in light of the length and content of the Preliminary Motion, a two-week extension of the time-limit does not appear necessary to enable the Prosecution to prepare a reasoned response to the Preliminary Motion;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS

PURSUANT TO Rule 127 of the Rules,

PARTIALLY GRANT the Motion and **ORDER** the Prosecution to file its response to the Preliminary Motion no later than Monday 22 October 2007.

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

/signed/

Jean-Claude Antonetti

Pre-Trial Judge

Done this seventeenth day of October 2007

At The Hague

The Netherlands

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