



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-03-69-PT
Date: 22 April 2008
Original: English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Patrick Robinson, Presiding
Judge Pedro R. David
Judge Michèle Picard

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of: 22 April 2008

PROSECUTOR

v.

**JOVICA STANIŠIĆ
AND
FRANKO SIMATOVIĆ**

PUBLIC

**DECISION ON PROSECUTION'S MOTION TO
RECONSIDER TIMING FOR ITS OPENING STATEMENT**

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TRIAL CHAMBER III (“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 SEISED of the “Prosecution’s Motion to Reconsider Timing for the Opening Statement with Annex A”, filed 17 April 2008, wherein the Prosecution requests that the Trial Chamber reconsider its decision of 15 April 2008 limiting the total time-frame for the Prosecution’s opening statement to three hours;¹

NOTING that the Prosecution requests that the Trial Chamber grant a period of four hours for the tendering of its opening statement *in lieu* of the aforementioned three hour limit;

CONSIDERING that the arguments advanced by the Prosecution are not without merit;

CONSIDERING that on 28 April 2008 when the Prosecution is scheduled to deliver its opening statement the Trial Chamber will sit for an additional hour;

CONSIDERING that in the circumstances the Trial Chamber finds it appropriate to extend the time for the delivery of the Prosecution’s opening statement by half an hour;

PURSUANT to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence,

HEREBY GRANTS the Prosecution’s Motion **IN PART** and **ORDERS** the Prosecution to complete its opening statement within three and a half hours.

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



Judge Patrick Robinson
Presiding

Dated this twenty-first day of April 2008
At The Hague
The Netherlands

[Seal of the Tribunal]

¹ Decision on Oral Submissions During Hearing of 14 April 2008, 15 April 2008, para. 6.