# UNITED **NATIONS**

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-04-74-AR73.7

Date:

9 May 2008

Original:

English

### IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

**Judge Fausto Pocar, Presiding** 

Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen

Judge Mehmet Günev Judge Andrésia Vaz **Judge Theodor Meron** 

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

**Decision of:** 

9 May 2008

**PROSECUTOR** 

JADRANKO PRLIĆ **BRUNO STOJIĆ** SLOBODAN PRALJAK MILIVOJ PETKOVIĆ VALENTIN ĆORIĆ and BERISLAV PUŠIĆ

### **PUBLIC**

**DECISION ON "PROSECUTION'S MOTION TO FILE** CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO APPELLANT'S APPEALS FILED ON 2 MAY 2008 AND 6 MAY 2008"

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THE APPEALS 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 ("Appeals Chamber" and "International Tribunal", respectively),

**NOTING** the "Slobodan Praljak Appeal of the *Décision portant attribution du temps à la Défense pour la présentation des moyens à décharge"*, filed on 2 May 2008 ("Praljak Appeal");

**NOTING** the "Bruno Stojić Appeal from 'Décision portant attribution du temps à la Défense pour la présentation des moyens à décharge' Issued 25 April 2008", filed on 2 May 2008 ("Stojić Appeal");

**NOTING** the "Petković Defence Appeal Against the Trial Chamber's 25 April 2008 Décision portant attribution du temps à la Défense pour la présentation des moyens à décharge", filed on 2 May 2008 ("Petković Appeal");

**NOTING** the "Joinder of the Accused Ćorić in Petković Defence Appeal Against the Trial Chamber's 25 April 2008 Décision portant attribution du temps à la Défense pour la présentation des moyens à décharge", filed on 6 May 2008 ("Ćorić Joinder");

**BEING SEIZED** of the "Motion to File Consolidated Reponse to Appellants' Appeals Filed on 2 May 2008 and 6 May 2008", filed by the Prosecution on 8 May 2008 ("Request"), whereby the Prosecution requests leave to file a single consolidated response to the Praljak Appeal, Stojić Appeal, Petković Appeal and Ćorić Joinder (collectively, "the Appeals");

**CONSIDERING** that the Prosecution submits in its Request that the Appeals are substantially similar and that they require a uniform analysis and response;<sup>1</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that, *prima facie*, the Appeals address similar issues and are based on analogous grounds;

**CONSIDERING** the interests of judicial economy;

## FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

**GRANTS** the Request and **ORDERS** the Prosecution to file its consolidated response no later than 16 May 2008.

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

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008, At The Hague, The Netherlands.

Judge Fausto Pocar Presiding Judge

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Request, para. 2.