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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-05-87-T

Date:

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English

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Iain Bonomy, Presiding Judge Ali Nawaz Chowhan

Judge Tsvetana Kamenova

Judge Janet Nosworthy, Reserve Judge

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

13 May 2008

PROSECUTOR

v.

MILAN MILUTINOVIĆ NIKOLA ŠAINOVIĆ DRAGOLJUB OJDANIĆ NEBOJŠA PAVKOVIĆ VLADIMIR LAZAREVIĆ SRETEN LUKIĆ

PUBLIC

DECISION ON PAVKOVIĆ MOTION TO CALL HANDWRITING EXPERT

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THIS 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") is seised of a "Pavković Motion to Amend the

65ter Witness and Exhibit List to Call Handwriting Expert with Annex A," filed 5 May 2008

("Motion"), and hereby renders its decision thereon.

1. In the Motion, the Pavković Defence requests leave of the Chamber to lead additional

evidence (in the form of a handwriting expert) in order to counter the Ojdanić Defence's evidence

regarding the authenticity of the 25 May 1999 report (P1459).

2. The Prosecution and the Ojdanić Defence have indicated that they do not oppose the

Motion.

3. On 12 May 2008, the Pavković Defence informed the Chamber (via email), "For various

technical reasons, including a delay in getting exemplars from Mladenovski, we will be unable to

call our handwriting expert. There is simply insufficient time left in the case for it to come

together."

4. The Chamber notes that there is no indication of the length of time the work the Pavković

Defences requires would take to complete, nor any indication that anyone has obstructed efforts to

secure relevant material.

5. Accordingly, the Trial Chamber, pursuant to Rules 54, 65 ter, 89, and 94 bis of the Rules of

Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal, hereby CONFIRMS the Pavković Defence's withdrawal

of the Motion.

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

Judge Iain Bonomy

Presiding

Dated this thirteenth day of May 2008 At The Hague The Netherlands

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