



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-04-79-PT

Date: 16 May 2008

Original: English

**IN TRIAL CHAMBER II**

**Before:** Judge Krister Thelin, pre-trial Judge

**Registrar:** Mr. Hans Holthuis

**Decision of:** 16 May 2008

**PROSECUTOR**

**v.**

**MİĆO STANIŠIĆ**

***PUBLIC***

**DECISION ON PROSECUTION'S URGENT REQUEST  
FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED WORD LIMIT FOR  
PROSECUTION'S RESPONSE TO TRIAL CHAMBER'S  
INVITATION PURSUANT TO RULE 73bis(D)**

**The Office of the Prosecutor**

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Mr. Stevo Bezbradica

I, Krister Thelin, 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");

**BEING SEISED** of the "Prosecution's urgent request for leave to exceed word limit for Prosecution's response to Trial Chamber's invitation pursuant to Rule 73bis(D)", filed publicly on 15 May 2008 ("Request"), whereby the Prosecution requests leave to file its response to the Trial Chamber's invitation not exceeding 3,500 words;<sup>1</sup>

**RECALLING** the Trial Chamber's invitation to the Prosecution pursuant to Rule 73 bis (D) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;<sup>2</sup>

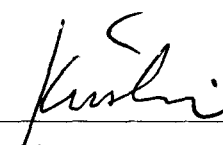
**NOTING** that, pursuant to the "Practice direction on the length of briefs and motions" ("Practice Direction"), a party must seek authorisation in advance from the Chamber to exceed the word limits and must provide an explanation of the exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing;<sup>3</sup>

**CONSIDERING** the Prosecution's submissions concerning the existence of exceptional circumstances, including the significant nature of the Trial Chamber's invitation and the impact it will have on the presentation of the Prosecution's case;<sup>4</sup>

**PURSUANT TO** Rule 54 and Article 7 of the Practice Direction;

**GRANT** the Request.

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



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Judge Krister Thelin  
Pre-trial Judge

Dated this sixteenth day of May 2008

At The Hague

The Netherlands

**[Seal of the Tribunal]**

<sup>1</sup> Request, para. 1.

<sup>2</sup> "Invitation pursuant to Rule 73 bis (D)", filed publicly on 8 May 2008.

<sup>3</sup> IT/184/Rev.2, 16 September 2005, Art. 7.

<sup>4</sup> Request, para. 4.