

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

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### IN TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before:

Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti, presiding

Judge Árpád Prandler Judge Stefan Trechsel

Reserve Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Acting Registrar: Mr John Hocking

Order of:

23 March 2009

#### THE PROSECUTOR

v.

Jadranko PRLIĆ Bruno STO.JIĆ Slobodan PRALJAK Milivoj PETKOVIĆ Valentin ĆORIĆ Berislav PUŠIĆ

#### **PUBLIC**

# ORDER ON THE ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE RELATED TO WITNESS TIHOMIR MAJIĆ

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Case No. IT-04-74-T 23 March 2009 TRIAL CHAMBER III ("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"),

**NOTING** the request for the admission of 11 exhibits tendered by Counsel for the Accused Stojić ("Stojić Defence")<sup>1</sup> and the request for the admission of two exhibits tendered by the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution"),<sup>2</sup> both relating to the testimony of Witness Tihomir Majić ("Proposed Exhibits"), who appeared on 9 March 2009,

**NOTING** the objections raised by the Prosecution to some of the Proposed Exhibits from the Stojić Defence ("Prosecution Response")<sup>3</sup> and the Reply filed by the Stojić Defence in response to these objections ("Reply"),<sup>4</sup>

CONSIDERING first that the Chamber notes that, as uploaded onto ecourt, the BCS versions of Proposed Exhibits 2D 01252 and 2D 01254 requested for admission by the Stojić Defence are of very poor quality; that it is therefore necessary that the Stojić Defence upload onto ecourt a proper BCS version of the said Proposed Exhibits,

**CONSIDERING** furthermore that the Chamber notes that, in its request for admission, the Stojić Defence refers to the document page numbers and not to the page numbers as they stand in *e*court,

**CONSIDERING** that in view of the Chamber's practice which requires that the pages of the documents requested for admission by the Parties be cited according to the page numbers in the English version of the document in ecourt, the Chamber again calls upon the Parties to conform to this practice,

CONSIDERING that the Chamber has examined each of the Proposed Exhibits based on the admissibility criteria defined in the Decision on the Admission of Evidence, rendered by the Chamber on 13 July 2006 ("Decision of 13 July 2006"),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IC 00 945.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IC 00 946.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> IC 00 947.

and in the Decision Adopting Guidelines for the Presentation of Defence Evidence, rendered by the Chamber on 24 April 2008 ("Decision of 24 April 2008"),5

CONSIDERING that the Chamber decides to admit into evidence the Proposed Exhibits indicated "admitted" in the Annex attached to this decision as they were put to Witness Tihomir Majić and present sufficient indicia of relevance, probative value and reliability,

CONSIDERING that the Chamber decides not to admit into evidence the Proposed Exhibits indicated "not admitted" in the Annex attached to this decision as they do not comply with the requirements laid down in the Decisions of 13 July 2006 and 24 April 2008 for the reasons set out in the Annex attached to this decision,

 $<sup>^{4}</sup>$  IC 00 953.  $^{5}$  Guideline 8 on the admission of documentary evidence through a witness.

# FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

PURSUANT TO Rules 54 and 89 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence,

GRANTS the Stojić Defence request for admission,

PARTIALLY GRANTS the Prosecution's request for admission,

**ORDERS** the Stojić Defence to upload onto ecourt a proper version of Exhibits 2D 01252 and 2D 01254 for the reasons set out in this order,

**DECIDES** that there is reason to admit into evidence the Proposed Exhibits indicated "Admitted" in the Annex attached to this decision,

**DENIES** in all other respects that the request admission of the Prosecution's Proposed Exhibits for the reasons set out in the Annex attached to this decision,

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

/signed/

Jean-Claude Antonetti Presiding Judge

Done this twenty-third day of March 2009 At The Hague The Netherlands

[Seal of the Tribunal]

# **Annex**

Exhibit Number	Party Proposing	Admitted/Not
(preferably in	Admission of the Exhibit	admitted/Marked for
numerical order)		Identification (MFI)
2D 00008 (Pages	Stojić Defence	Admitted (Pages 1 to 10 of
requested for admission:		the BCS version <sup>6</sup> and the
BCS 2D03-0001 to		entire English translation)
2D03-0010 and 2D03-		
0012 to 2D03-0016; the		
entire English translation		
of the document)		
2D 00630	Stojić Defence	Admitted
2D 00898	Stojić Defence	Admitted
2D 00955	Stojić Defence	Admitted
2D 01024	Stojić Defence	Admitted
2D 01041	Stojić Defence	Admitted
2D 01252	Stojić Defence	Admitted
2D 01253	Stojić Defence	Admitted
2D 01254	Stojić Defence	Admitted
3D 00436	Stojić Defence	Admitted
3D 00437	Stojić Defence	Admitted
P 10887	Prosecution	Admitted
2D 01250	Prosecution	Not admitted (Reason: the
]		witness did not comment on
		the relevance or probative
		value of the exhibit.)

 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$  Numbers corresponding to the pages in ecourt.