



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-95-5/18-PT

Date: 14 May 2009

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IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Judge Iain Bonomy, Presiding
Judge Christoph Flügge
Judge Michèle Picard

Acting Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Decision of: 14 May 2009

PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

**DECISION ON PROSECUTION'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WORD LIMIT
TO IDENTIFY VICTIMS IN THE PRE-TRIAL BRIEF**

Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Alan Tieger
Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

The Accused:

Mr. Radovan Karadžić

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 the “Prosecution’s Request for Extension of Word Limit to Identify Victims in the Pre-trial Brief”, filed on 12 May 2009 (“Motion”) and hereby render its decision thereon.

1. In the Motion, the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) requests leave to exceed the word limit that has been granted to it for its final pre-trial brief, by 13,000 words, in the event that the Chamber deems an annex containing identifying information for victims of some of the crimes alleged in the Indictment as counting towards the word limit.¹ It states that the proposed annex would list, where known, the name, date of birth, and gender of these victims.²

2. The Accused filed a “Response to Pre-trial Brief Word Limit Motion” on 13 May 2009, stating that he did not oppose the Motion.

3. The Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions states that “any appendix or book of authorities does not count towards the word limit” for motions or briefs. It continues, “an appendix of book of authorities will not contain legal or factual arguments, but rather references, source materials, items from the record, exhibits, and other relevant, non-argumentative material.”³ In that the Prosecution simply proposes to annex to its pre-trial brief a list of names, dates of birth, and genders of alleged victims, such information will not be counted towards the word limit for the pre-trial brief, and the Motion is therefore unnecessary.

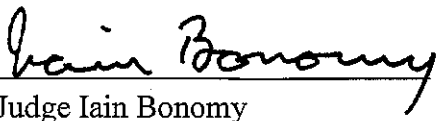
¹ Motion, para. 1. The word limit for the Prosecution’s final pre-trial brief has already been extended to 60,000 words. *See* Status Conference, T. 225–226 (6 May 2009).

² Motion, para. 3.

³ Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions, IT/184 Rev. 2, 16 September 2005, para. 6.

4. For these reasons, pursuant to Rule 73 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Trial Chamber hereby **DISMISSES** the Motion.

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


Judge Iain Bonomy
Presiding

Dated this fourteenth day of May 2009
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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