

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-T

Date: 9 December 2010

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# **IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

Before: Judge O-Gon Kwon, Presiding

Judge Howard Morrison Judge Melville Baird

Judge Flavia Lattanzi, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Order of: 9 December 2010

#### **PROSECUTOR**

v.

# RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

#### **PUBLIC**

#### THIRD INVITATION TO CANADA

# Office of the Prosecutor

The Government of Canada

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# The Accused

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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"),

BEING SEISED of the Accused's "Motion for Binding Order: Government of Canada", filed on

17 August 2010 ("Motion"), whereby the Accused requests the Trial Chamber to issue a binding

order pursuant to Article 29 of the Statute of the Tribunal and Rule 54 bis of the Rules of Procedure

and Evidence of the Tribunal ("Rules") requiring the Government of Canada ("Canada") to

produce documents relating to two Markale Market shelling incidents ("Markale Documents")

charged in the Third Amended Indictment;<sup>1</sup>

NOTING that in the Motion the Accused indicates that over a year ago he sought a number of

different documents from Canada, and that, with the exception of the Markale Documents, Canada

has been co-operative in delivering the requested documents to him;<sup>2</sup>

NOTING that, with respect to the Markale Documents, Canada informed the Accused on

4 September 2009 that it was "continuing to review [its] materials" and would get back to him as

soon as possible;<sup>3</sup>

NOTING that, after no response was received by mid-August 2010, the Accused filed the Motion

and the Chamber immediately invited Canada to respond to it by 1 September 2010;<sup>4</sup>

NOTING that Canada filed its confidential response on 1 September 2010, stating that it has now

provided "all relevant information in its possession" to the Accused, with the exception of one

"third party document" which would be provided to the Accused as soon as permission was given

by the originating state;<sup>5</sup>

**NOTING** however that the Accused filed, on 3 September 2010, his "Motion for Leave to Reply

and Reply: Motion for Binding Order: Canada" ("Reply"), asking the Chamber for leave to file a

reply to Canada's response, and attaching the said Reply, in which he requested that the Chamber

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

<sup>2</sup> Motion, para. 9, Annexes A and B.

<sup>3</sup> Motion, para. 10, Annex B.

<sup>4</sup> Invitation to Canada, 18 August 2010.

<sup>5</sup> Confidential Correspondence from Canada, 1 September 2010.

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give Canada a deadline of 1 October 2010 within which it would provide the remaining document

to the Accused;6

NOTING that the Chamber deemed it inappropriate to set a deadline for Canada to produce the

remaining document because Canada was awaiting permission of a third state before it was able to

do so, but that it invited Canada to provide it with a progress report in relation to the remaining

document, by close of business on 13 October 2010;<sup>7</sup>

NOTING further that Canada filed its confidential response on 13 October 2010, stating that

"officials of the Government of Canada have been in contact with officials of the government of the

originating State on three occasions requesting permission to disclose the documents" but that,

even though informed of the urgency of the situation, the originating state made no indication to

Canada of when a response may be forthcoming;8

NOTING that, as a result, the Accused filed, on 14 October 2010, his "Response to Submission of

Government of Canada" ("Response"), asking the Chamber again "to issue an order to Canada

directing it to disclose the remaining document within ten days, and to notify the originator state of

that order", and proposing that if "the originator state then object to this disclosure, it can file an

objection directly with the Chamber and the disclosure can be withheld until the objection is

adjudicated;"9

CONSIDERING that it is in the interests of all parties involved that requests for documents are, if

possible, dealt with on a voluntary basis;

**CONSIDERING** that the Chamber still deems it inappropriate to set a deadline for Canada to

disclose the remaining document, because Canada is awaiting permission of a third state before it is

able to disclose it;

CONSIDERING however that almost two months have passed since Canada filed the

correspondence of 13 October 2010, and that the Chamber would be assisted by hearing from

Canada as to its progress, if any, in relation to the said document;

**CONSIDERING** further that, in order to facilitate and speed up the process of the production of

the document in question, and to enable the Accused to approach that state directly, the Chamber

<sup>6</sup> Reply, paras. 5–6.

<sup>7</sup> Second Invitation to Canada, 29 September 2010.

<sup>8</sup> Confidential Correspondence from Canada, 13 October 2010.

<sup>9</sup> Response, para. 7.

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would be assisted by hearing from Canada on whether it would be willing to disclose to the

Accused the identity of the originator state;

**PURSUANT TO** Rule 54 of the Rules,

**HEREBY:** 

(a) INVITES Canada to assist the Trial Chamber by providing a progress report in relation

to the document which remains to be disclosed to the Accused, by close of business on

23 December 2010;

(b) INVITES Canada to assist the Trial Chamber by indicating in the progress report

whether it would be willing to inform the Accused of the identity of the originator state;

(c) REQUESTS the Registry to provide the Accused's Response and this Invitation to

Canada.

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

Judge O-Gon Kwon Presiding

Done this ninth day of December 2010 At The Hague The Netherlands

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