

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: 16 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: 16 December 2010

PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

INVITATION TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Office of the Prosecutor

Mr. Alan Tieger

Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

The Government of Iran

via the Embassy of the Islamic

Republic of Iran to

the Netherlands, The Hague

The Accused Standby Counsel

Mr. Radovan Karadžić Mr. Richard Harvey

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 "Second Motion for Binding Order: Government of Iran", filed on 7 December 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 Islamic Republic of Iran ("Iran") to produce documents pertaining to the shipment of arms in 1995 from Iran to the Bosnian Muslims *via* the Republic of Croatia ("Croatia");¹

NOTING that, in the Motion, the Accused indicates that the Chamber denied his 26 August 2009 "Motion for Binding Order: Iran", holding that the request for documents pertaining to the shipment of arms to Croatia between 1 April 1992 and 31 December 1995 was too broad and of questionable relevance;²

NOTING the Accused's submission that he has now narrowed down his request and has identified a particular series of transactions involving the shipment of arms from Iran to Croatia in 1995, which he alleges were later delivered to the Bosnian Muslims;³

NOTING that, on 2 November 2010, the Accused requested documents relating to those transactions from Iran, but has received no response;⁴

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, in order to determine the Motion, the Trial Chamber would be assisted by hearing from Iran;

¹ Motion, para. 2.

Motion, para. 1. See Decision on the Accused's Motion for Binding Order (The Islamic Republic of Iran), 9 June 2010, paras. 20-24.

³ Motion, paras. 2–5.

⁴ The Accused sent a letter to Iran on 2 November 2010 requesting two documents: (i) contract dated 3 December 1994 between the Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Support and Matimco Sprl of Belgium for ammunition to be delivered to Croatia, and (ii) all records of the three shipments made pursuant to this particular contract between December 1994 and April 1995. *See* Motion, paras. 5–6, Annex A.

PURSUANT TO Rule 54 of the Rules,

HEREBY:

- (a) **INVITES** Iran to assist the Trial Chamber by filing a response to the Motion by close of business on **7 January 2011**;
- (b) **REQUESTS** the Registry to provide the Motion and this Invitation to Iran.

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

Judge O-Gon Kwon

Presiding

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

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