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International Tribunal for the

Prosecution of Persons

Responsible for Serious Violations of

International Humanitarian Law

Committed in the Territory of the

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Case No.

IT-03-69-T

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IN TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

Judge Alphons Orie, Presiding

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Elizabeth Gwaunza

Registrar:

Mr John Hocking

Decision of:

12 January 2010

PROSECUTOR

v.

JOVICA STANIŠIĆ FRANKO SIMATOVIĆ

PUBLIC

DECISION ON MOTION FOR ADMISSION OF AGREED FACTS

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Mr Mihailo Bakrač Mr Vladimir Petrović **TRIAL CHAMBER I** 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 ("Chamber");

BEING SEISED of the "First Joint Motion for Admission of Agreed Facts between the Prosecution and the *Stanišić* Defence" filed on 16 February 2010 ("Motion"), requesting the Chamber to "accept as agreed facts those facts enumerated in Annex A" to the Motion and to "admit Annex A into the record of evidence of the trial pursuant to Rules 65*ter*(H) and 89(C)";¹

NOTING the "First Joint Motion for Admission of Agreed Facts between the Prosecution and the *Stanišić* Defence (Notice of Assent by *Stanišić* Defence)" filed on 22 February 2010, whereby the Stanišić Defence stated that it had reviewed the Motion and assented to it being filed jointly;

NOTING that Annex A to the Motion lists the facts that are agreed between the Prosecution and the Stanišić Defence;

NOTING that the agreed facts were discussed in court on 25 May and 2 June 2010;²

NOTING that on 29 September 2010, the Simatović Defence was ordered to present its position on the facts presented in Annex A to the Motion no later than 3 November 2010;³

NOTING the "Simatović Defence Notice First Joint Motion for Admission of Agreed Facts" filed on 3 November 2010, in which the Simatović Defence agreed to parts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and Q of Annex A to the Motion, but also indicated that it does not agree to part A of Annex A to the Motion;

CONSIDERING that there is agreement between the Prosecution, the Stanišić Defence and the Simatović Defence regarding the facts set out in parts B, C, D, E, F,G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and Q of Annex A to the Motion;

CONSIDERING that the material presented and agreed upon in Annex A to the Motion will be part of the trial record and that the Chamber may rely on these facts for the truth of their content without additional evidence, but is not bound by them;

CONSIDERING further that formal admission of the agreed facts and the assigning of exhibit numbers to them would constitute an unnecessary procedural step;⁴

¹ Motion, para. 1.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS

HEREBY DENIES the request to formally admit Annex A to the Motion into the record of evidence pursuant to Rules 65ter (H) and 89(C);

TAKES NOTICE OF the agreed facts set out in parts B, C, D, E, F,G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and Q of Annex A to the Motion.

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

Judge Alphons Orie Presiding Judge

Dated this twelfth day of January 2011 At The Hague The Netherlands

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² T. 5287-5296 (25 May 2010); 5680-5683 (2 June 2010).

³ T. 7753-7754

⁴ See also, *Prosecutor v. Gotovina et al.*, IT-06-90-T, T. 26466-26469 (18 December 2009).