



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: 17 February 2011

Original: English

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Judge O-Gon Kwon, Presiding Judge
Judge Howard Morrison
Judge Melville Baird
Judge Flavia Lattanzi, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Decision of: 17 February 2011

PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

**DECISION ON REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

Office of the Prosecutor

Mr. Alan Tieger
Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

The Government of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

via the Embassy of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
to The Netherlands, The Hague

The Accused

Mr. Radovan Karadžić

Standby Counsel

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”) is seized of a request from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (“Saudi Arabia”) filed on 1 February 2011 (“Request”), and hereby renders its decision thereon.

1. The Trial Chamber is currently seized of the Accused’s “Motion for Binding Order: Saudi Arabia” filed on 18 January 2011 (“Motion”), whereby the Accused requests the Trial Chamber to issue a binding order pursuant to Rule 54 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal (“Rules”) requiring Saudi Arabia to produce a number of documents.¹

2. On 25 January 2011, the Chamber issued an invitation requesting Saudi Arabia to file a response to the Motion within fourteen days of the receipt of the invitation.²

3. On 1 February 2011, Saudi Arabia filed a request seeking an extension of time to respond to the Motion (“Request”). In its Request, Saudi Arabia submits that, “the determination of the existence of the documents required by the accused constitutes a time-consuming and difficult process”.³ Saudi Arabia, therefore, requests an extension of time of six months, until 31 July 2011, to respond to the Motion.

4. The Trial Chamber recalls that it is important that requests for the production of documents are dealt with expeditiously. The Chamber also recalls that the completion of the work of the Tribunal within a reasonable time is a matter of great importance. The Chamber reiterates here that it is in the interests of the parties involved that requests for information are, if possible, dealt with on a voluntary basis. Therefore, in order to facilitate the production of the requested documents to the Accused, the Trial Chamber will grant a reasonable extension of time to Saudi Arabia.

¹ Motion, para. 1.

² Invitation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 25 January 2011.

³ Request, p. 1.

5. For the reasons outlined above, pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules, the Trial Chamber hereby **GRANTS** the Request, in part, and: (i) **INVITES** Saudi Arabia to assist the Trial Chamber by providing a response to the Motion by no later than close of business on 31 May 2011 and (ii) **REQUESTS** the Registry to provide this Decision to Saudi Arabia.

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



Judge O-Gon Kwon, Presiding

Dated this seventeenth day of February 2011
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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