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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 Former Yugoslavia  
since 1991

Case No.

IT-06-90-T

Date:

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Original:

English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Alphons Orie, Presiding  
Judge Uldis Kinis  
Judge Elizabeth Gwaunza

Registrar: Mr John Hocking

Order of: 18 February 2011

PROSECUTOR

v.

ANTE GOTOVINA  
IVAN ČERMAK  
MLADEN MARKAČ

*PUBLIC*

ORDER DIRECTED TO THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Office of the Prosecutor

Mr Alan Tieger

Republic of Croatia

*Per:* the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia  
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1. On 12 March 2010, the Chamber issued its “Decision on requests for permanent restraining orders directed to the Republic of Croatia” (“Decision of 12 March 2010”). In this Decision, the Chamber, *inter alia*, denied Gotovina Defence requests for a permanent restraining order directed to the Republic of Croatia (“Croatia”) to (i) cease the preliminary investigations and criminal prosecutions against Mr Ivanović and Mr Ribičić and (ii) stop all searches of records and computers in its custody which were seized from Gotovina Defence offices or members.<sup>1</sup> The Chamber recalls the procedural history and parties’ submissions related to those requests set out in the Decision of 12 March 2010.<sup>2</sup>

2. On 14 February 2011, the Appeals Chamber issued its “Decision on Gotovina Defence appeal against 12 March 2010 Decision on requests for permanent restraining orders directed to the Republic of Croatia” (“Decision of 14 February 2011”). The Chamber refers to the applicable law as expounded in this Decision and to the Appeals Chamber’s findings therein.<sup>3</sup> The Appeals Chamber granted the Gotovina Defence appeal in part and ordered the Trial Chamber to issue the below orders to Croatia.<sup>4</sup> The Chamber clarifies that the below orders replace the relevant parts of its orders of the Decision of 12 March 2010, thereby terminating the procedures set out therein and rendering moot the suspension of deadlines of the “Decision on Defence request for certification to appeal the Trial Chamber decision of 12 March 2010” of 21 April 2010.

### DISPOSITION

3. For the foregoing reasons, pursuant to Article 30 (4) of the Statute of the Tribunal and Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Chamber **ORDERS** Croatia to:

1. Cease all criminal proceedings against members of the Gotovina Defence for acts performed in the fulfilment of their official function before the Tribunal;
2. Cease and desist from all current and future investigative activities against members of the Gotovina Defence for acts performed in the fulfilment of their official function before the Tribunal, including searches of their persons or premises; and

<sup>1</sup> Decision of 12 March 2010, para. 77 (6) and (8).

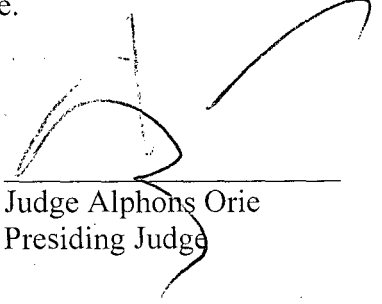
<sup>2</sup> Decision of 12 March 2010, paras 1-19.

<sup>3</sup> Decision of 14 February 2011, paras 26-36, 45, 67-70.

<sup>4</sup> Decision of 14 February 2011, paras 33, 35-36, 45, 67, 71.

3. Return, as soon as practicable, all material seized from members of the Gotovina Defence, including but not limited to documents, computers, CD-ROMs and diskettes.

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



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Judge Alphons Orie  
Presiding Judge

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

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