



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-08-91-T
Date: 25 April 2012
Original: English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Burton Hall, Presiding
Judge Guy Delvoie
Judge Frederik Harhoff

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Decision of: 25 April 2012

PROSECUTOR

v.

MİĆO STANIŠIĆ AND STOJAN ŽUPLJANIN

PUBLIC

**DECISION DENYING ŽUPLJANIN DEFENCE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
WORD LIMIT FOR FINAL TRIAL BRIEF**

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TRIAL CHAMBER II ("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 "Župljanin Defence Motion for an extension to the word limit for the Župljanin final trial brief", filed on 12 April 2012 ("Motion");

NOTING that paragraph 4 of the Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions ("Practice Direction")¹ provides that final trial briefs will not exceed 60,000 words;

NOTING that on 18 January 2012 the Trial Chamber decided that the Župljanin Defence's final trial brief shall not exceed 60,000 words² and affirmed this limit after having considered the Župljanin Defence's oral request to exceed that limit and file a final trial brief of 90,000 words;³

NOTING that paragraph 7 of the Practice Direction requires the party seeking authorisation to exceed the relevant word limit to demonstrate to the Chamber exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing;

CONSIDERING that the Župljanin Defence has not established that there are exceptional circumstances that necessitate the filing of a final trial brief in excess of the 60,000 word limit;

PURSUANT TO Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Practice Direction,

HEREBY DENIES the Motion.

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



Judge Burton Hall
Presiding

Dated this 25th day of April 2012

At The Hague

The Netherlands

[Seal of the Tribunal]

¹ IT/184/Rev. 2, 16 September 2005.

² Hearing, 18 January 2012, T. 26671-26672. *See also* Order on final trial briefs and closing arguments, 30 March 2012, p. 1.

³ Hearing, 18 January 2012, T. 26676-26677, 26687.