



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-04-74-A
Date: 21 May 2014
Original: English

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Theodor Meron, Pre-Appeal Judge
Registrar: Mr. John Hocking
Decision of: 21 May 2014

PROSECUTOR

v.

**JADRANKO PRLIĆ
BRUNO STOJIĆ
SLOBODAN PRALJAK
MILIVOJ PETKOVIĆ
VALENTIN ĆORIĆ
BERISLAV PUŠIĆ**

PUBLIC

**DECISION ON PRLIĆ'S REQUEST CONCERNING STATUS
CONFERENCE**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Douglas Stringer
Mr. Mathias Marcussen

The Accused:

Mr. Michael G. Karnavas and Ms. Suzana Tomanović for Mr. Jadranko Prlić
Ms. Senka Nožica and Mr. Karim A. A. Khan for Mr. Bruno Stojić
Mr. Slobodan Praljak
Ms. Vesna Alaburić and Mr. Guénaél Mettraux for Mr. Milivoj Petković
Ms. Dijana Tomašegović-Tomić and Mr. Dražen Plavec for Mr. Valentin Ćorić
Mr. Fahrudin Ibrišimović and Mr. Roger Sahota for Mr. Berislav Pušić

I, THEODOR MERON, Judge of the Appeals 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”), and Pre-Appeal Judge in this case;¹

BEING SEISED OF “Jadranko Prlić’s Request to Hold Status Conference by Videolink or in the Alternative Request to Reschedule Status Conference”, filed by Jadranko Prlić (“Prlić”) on 20 May 2014 (“Request”), in which Prlić asks that his counsel, Mr. Michael G. Karnavas, be permitted to participate in the status conference scheduled to take place on 27 May 2014 at 3.30 p.m. (“Status Conference”)² by videolink or in the alternative, to reschedule the Status Conference to a date after 8 June 2014;

NOTING the “Prosecution Response to Jadranko Prlić’s Request to Hold Status Conference by Videolink or in the Alternative Request to Reschedule Status Conference”, filed by the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) on 21 May 2014, which states that the Prosecution does not oppose Prlić’s request that his counsel participate in the Status Conference by videolink;

NOTING that, according to the Request, Mr. Karnavas is unable to be physically present at the Status Conference because he is currently present in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, working on matters related to a case before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (“ECCC”) and that his co-counsel, Ms. Suzana Tomanović, is unable to travel from Bosnia and Herzegovina to The Hague due to the recent flooding in her town of residence;³

CONSIDERING that under Rule 65*bis*(C) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal (“Rules”), the counsel of an accused may participate in a status conference via video-conference, “[w]ith the written consent of the accused, given after receiving advice from his counsel”;

NOTING that Prlić does not object to Mr. Karnavas participating in the Status Conference via videolink;⁴

NOTING further, as submitted in the Request, that a video-conference between the ECCC and the Tribunal is technically possible;⁵

PURSUANT to Rules 54 and 65 *bis* (C) of the Rules;

¹ Order Designating a Pre-Appeal Judge, 19 June 2013, p. 1.

² Scheduling Order, 14 May 2014.

³ Request, p. 1.

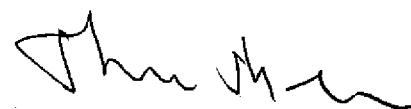
⁴ Request, p. 1.

⁵ Request, p. 1.

HEREBY GRANT the Request and permit Mr. Karnavas to participate in the Status Conference by videolink, **ORDER** Prlić to file a waiver for the physical attendance of his counsel at the Status Conference at his earliest convenience, and **DIRECT** the Registry to make the necessary arrangements for the Status Conference to be conducted via videoconference between the ECCC and the Tribunal.

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

Done this 21st day of May 2014,
At The Hague,
The Netherlands.



Judge Theodor Meron
Pre-Appeal Judge

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