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### IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Theodor Meron, Presiding Judge Carmel Agius Judge Patrick Robinson Judge Fausto Pocar Judge Liu Daqun

**Registrar:** 

Order of:

15 July 2014

Mr. John Hocking

#### PROSECUTOR

v.

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

#### PUBLIC

## ORDER ON RECLASSIFICATION OF AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

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**BEING SEISED OF** the "Registry Submission Requesting Reclassification of Audio and Video Recordings", filed confidentially by the Deputy Registrar of the Tribunal ("Deputy Registrar") on 5 June 2014 ("Request"), whereby the Deputy Registrar requests that the Appeals Chamber reclassify, as confidential, the public audio and video recordings of the testimonies of protected Witnesses BX and CD ("Witnesses"), dated 25 October 2006 and 22 November 2006 respectively ("Recordings");<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** that with respect to both Witnesses, and in advance of their respective testimonies, Trial Chamber III of the Tribunal granted the Office of the Prosecutor's request for the protective measures of pseudonym and face distortion and *proprio motu* ordered the additional protective measure of voice distortion;<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING** that, upon review of the Recordings, the Registry of the Tribunal ("Registry") ascertained that inadvertently the ordered protective measure of voice distortion had not been implemented;<sup>3</sup>

**NOTING** that according to the Deputy Registrar, it is technically not possible to implement voice distortion retroactively and, therefore, the only remedy available in order to protect the Witnesses' voices from further public disclosure is to reclassify the Recordings as confidential;<sup>4</sup>

**NOTING** the Deputy Registrar's suggestion that the Order be issued publicly so as to put on notice any individual or organisation in possession of the Recordings that the Recordings are confidential;<sup>5</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that the requested reclassification is necessary to ensure the implementation of the protective measures ordered for the Witnesses;

PURSUANT to Rules 54 and 107 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;

<sup>5</sup> Request, para. 5.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Request, paras 1-3, 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Prosecutor v. Jadranko Prlić et al., Case No. IT-04-74-T, T. 25 October 2006, pp. 8837-8839 (closed session) (Witness BX), T. 20 November 2006, p. 10326 (private session), and T. 22 November 2006, p. 10516 (private session) (Witness CD); Prosecutor v. Jadranko Prlić et al., Case No. IT-04-74-T, Prosecution Motion for Protective Measures, Annex A, 17 November 2006 (confidential) (Witness CD).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Request, paras 1-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Request, para. 4. The Appeals Chamber notes that the public portions of the relevant transcripts would in any event remain available. See Request, fn. 4.

### HEREBY GRANTS the Request; and

## **ORDERS**:

- (i) the Registry to reclassify the Recordings as confidential; and
- (ii) that any person or organisation, including media organisations, in possession of the Recordings, whether in whole or in part, is hereby enjoined from disclosing them to any other person or organisation as of the filing date of this Order and is warned that any such disclosure may result in proceedings for contempt against the disclosing person(s) or organisation(s).

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

Done this 15th day of July 2014, At The Hague, The Netherlands.

Judge Theodor Meron Presiding Judge

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