UNITED

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 Nos.

IT-09-92-T

MICT-13-55-A

Date:

13 June 2017

Original:

English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

Judge Alphons Orie, Presiding Judge Bakone Justice Moloto Judge Christoph Flügge

Registrar:

Mr John Hocking

Order of:

13 June 2017

PROSECUTOR

v.

RATKO MLADIĆ

PUBLIC

ORDER TO RECLASSIFY THE STATUS OF CONFIDENTIAL **FILINGS**

Prosecutor v. Ratko Mladić

Prosecutor v. Radovan Karadžić

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I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUBMISSIONS

- 1. On 28 March 2017, the Chamber granted a Prosecution motion ("Decision") for Radovan Karadžić to be granted access to a confidential order in the *Mladić* case relating to the assignment of counsel to a witness ("Order"). On 8 May 2017, the *Karadžić* Defence filed a motion ("Motion") requesting that the Chamber reclassify the status of the Decision, the Order, and the Motion from confidential to public. The *Karadžić* Defence submits that the following arguments favour reclassification: (i) references to the Order need to be redacted by both parties in their public appeals briefs in the *Karadžić* case; (ii) the assignment of counsel to a witness who risks self-incrimination is the subject of one of the grounds of appeal in the *Karadžić* case and consequently the Order and the Decision may be addressed in the appellate proceedings; and (iii) there is no need to maintain the confidentiality of the Order as the subject of the Order is already part of the public record in the *Mladić* case.
- 2. On 22 May 2017, the Prosecution responded that it does not oppose the reclassification request but raised that there is a citation in the Motion to a confidential filing in another case ("Response").⁴

II. APPLICABLE LAW

3. Rule 54 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules") provides that at the request of either party or *proprio motu*, a Trial Chamber may issue such orders as may be necessary for the purposes of an investigation or for the preparation or conduct of the trial.

III. DISCUSSION

4. The request to reclassify the filings as public is not opposed. Further, the Chamber considers that there is no reason for the Motion to remain confidential on the basis of a reference to a confidential filing in the Motion. Therefore there is no justification for keeping the filings confidential.

IV. DISPOSITION

5. For the foregoing reasons, pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules, the Chamber

Decision on Prosecution Motion for Karadžić to be Granted Access to a Confidential Filing in the Mladić Case, 28 March 2017 (Confidential).

Motion to Reclassify Order for Assignment of Counsel, 8 May 2017 (Confidential).

Motion, paras 5-8.
Prosecution's Response to Karadžić's Motion to Reclassify Order for Assignment of Counsel, 22 May 2017 (Confidential).

INSTRUCTS the Registry to change the status of the Decision, the Order, and the Motion from confidential to public.

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

Judge Alphons Orie Presiding Judge

Dated this thirteenth day of June 2017 At The Hague The Netherlands

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