



SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان

TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

**THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

**Case No.:** STL-13-04/PT/TC

**Before:** Judge David Re, Presiding  
Judge Janet Nosworthy  
Judge Micheline Braidy  
Judge Walid Akoum, Alternate Judge  
Judge Nicola Lettieri, Alternate Judge

**Registrar:** Mr. Daryl Mundis

**Date:** 30 January 2014

**Original language:** English

**Classification:** Public

**PROSECUTOR**

v.

**HASSAN HABIB MERHI**

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**DECISION RE INTERIM ORDER ON WORKING LANGUAGE(S) AND  
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL**

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1. The Trial Chamber, having received submissions from counsel from Mr. Hassan Habib Mehri,<sup>1</sup> and consulted the Pre-Trial Judge, rescinds its Interim Order on Working Language(s) for Filings.<sup>2</sup>
2. The interim order was confined to a limited number of specified written filings in the pre-trial phase of the case before the Trial Chamber. The Trial Chamber will adopt, with any necessary adjustments, the Pre-Trial Judge's 'Decision on Languages in the case of *Ayyash et al*' of 16 September 2012. That order will continue to operate if the Trial Chamber orders a joinder of the case of *Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Badreddine, Oneissi and Sabra* with that of *Prosecutor v. Merhi*.
3. The application filed on 20 December 2013 by the Head of the Defence Office, seeking to certify the decision for appeal under Rule 126 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence,<sup>3</sup> is thus redundant, and—without deciding whether the Defence Office has the standing or interest necessary to make the application—is dismissed.

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

Leidschendam  
The Netherlands

30 January 2014

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Judge David Re, Presiding

*Janet Nosworthy*

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Judge Janet Nosworthy

*Micheline Braidy*

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<sup>1</sup> *Prosecutor v. Merhi*, STL-13-04/I/TC, Observations from the Defence for Mr. Hassan Habib Merhi Relating to the Working Languages Pursuant to the Interim Order of 17 December 2013, 30 December 2013.

<sup>2</sup> STL-13-04/I/TC, Interim Order on Working Language(s) for Filings, 17 December 2013.

<sup>3</sup> STL-13-04/I/TC, Réquête du Bureau de la Défense en Certification de l'Appel de l'Ordonnance du 17 du décembre 2013, 20 December 2013.