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PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

KRSTIĆ CASE

Trial Chamber I – Judges Rodrigues (Presiding), Riad and Wald

The trial of Radislav Krstić commenced this week.

On Monday 13 March, the Prosecution made its opening statement and then called its first witness in the trial, Mr. Jean-Rene Ruez, an investigation team leader at the ICTY who, since 1995, has worked exclusively on the Srebrenica investigation.

The examination-in-chief of Mr. Ruez continued on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Trial Chamber then adjourned until Monday 20 March when it will continue to hear the testimony of Mr. Ruez.

II. OVERVIEW OF COURT DOCUMENTS

SIMIĆ & OTHERS CASE

JUDGEMENT SCHEDULED IN CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

On 10 March 2000, Trial Chamber III (Judges Robinson (Presiding), Hunt and Bennouna) ordered that the Judgement in the contempt proceedings against Milan Simić and his Counsel, Branimir Avramović, will be handed down on **Wednesday 29 March 2000 at 8.45 a.m.**

ALEKSOVSKI CASE

DATE FOR JUDGEMENT ON APPEAL SCHEDULED

On 13 March 2000, the Appeals Chamber (Judges May (Presiding), Mumba, Hunt, Wang and Robinson) ordered that the Judgement on the appeal against the Judgement handed down by Trial Chamber *Ibis* (Judges Rodrigues (Presiding), Vohrah and Nieto-Navia) will be rendered on **Friday 24 March at 9.00 a.m.** (also see Press Release 469).

KUNARAC, KOVAČ & VUKOVIĆ CASE

KOVAC'S REQUEST FOR MR. MILAN VUJIN TO APPEAR AS CO-COUNSEL DENIED

On 14 March 2000, Trial Chamber II (Judges Mumba (Presiding), Hunt and Pocar) denied the request of Mr. Momir Kolesar, defence counsel for Kovač, for Mr. Milan Vujin to be allowed to act as *pro bono* co-counsel on his defence team, dated 11 March 2000.

Considering that Mr. Vujin has been found in contempt of the Tribunal (see Press Release No. 467) and is therefore no longer fit to appear before the Tribunal, the Trial Chamber was of the opinion that Mr. Vujin cannot be given the right of audience and that it would be failing in its duty to protect the interests of the accused, Kovač, if it allowed Mr. Vujin to appear before it.

It further stated that this decision applies regardless of Mr. Vujin's pending appeal against the Judgement of the Appeals Chamber.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 20 MARCH – 24 MARCH *

MONDAY 20 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Start of Trial
14:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30, **Krstic**, Trial

TUESDAY 21 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
14:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30, **Krstic**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
14:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30, **Krstic**, Trial

THURSDAY 23 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
14:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30, **Krstic**, Trial

FRIDAY 24 MARCH

Courtroom III 09:30, **Krstic**, Trial

*The courtroom schedule is provisional and you are invited to check for last minute changes with the Public Information Services. Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions are open.

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DATE	NUMBER	TITLE	E	F
17/03/00	478	THE TRIAL OF KUNARAC, KOVAC & VUKOVIC WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2000	E	

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