



[Diplomatic Seminar: President announces that the ICTY is preparing to host a conference to make an assessment of the Tribunal's legacy](#)

The conference will be held on 23 and 24 February 2010, President Robinson told the representatives of the diplomatic community attending the Diplomatic Seminar (see page 2).

He added, "It is anticipated that about 200-250 persons (...) will participate in the conference. Topics for discussion will include capacity building in the region, national war crimes proceedings, and effective long-term access to the Tribunal's records."

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Judicial Coordination Body to ensure knowledge transfer for Judges established by President Robinson

At President Robinson's invitation, Judge Pocar and Judge Moloto have agreed to act as a Judicial Coordination Body, which will, among other tasks, "coordinate the participation of ICTY Judges in conferences held in the region [of the former Yugoslavia], as well as during the visits of Judges from the region to the Tribunal."

Further, they will have a mandate "to develop other ways of ensuring the implementation" of one of the key conclusions in the recent Final Report of the ODIHR/ICTY/UNICRI that "peer-to-peer communication is the most appropriate form of knowledge transfer for Judges" (page 41 of the Report).

As President Robinson noted: the work of Judge Pocar and Judge Moloto is important in support of "the capacity building of the national jurisdictions which is a key legacy goal of the Tribunal and an integral part of the completion strategy."

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Colloquium of Prosecutors calls for a Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity

The Rwandan capital Kigali played host to the fifth Colloquium of Prosecutors of the international criminal tribunals between Wednesday 11 November and Friday 13 November. Entitled "International Criminal Justice: Lessons from the Past, Reflections on the Future", the Colloquium sought to review recent developments in international criminal law and provide a forum where experiences could be shared.

The meeting brought together current and former Prosecutors and Deputy Prosecutors, Chiefs of Prosecution and Chiefs of Investigations, from the ICTY, the SCSL, the ICTR, the ICC, the STL, and the ECCC. The ICTY was represented by Prosecutor Serge Brammertz, and Alan Tieger, Senior Trial Attorney.

The Prosecutors concluded the colloquium by issuing a final declaration. After reiterating their common concerns - the fight against impunity in respect of law, respect of human rights, evaluation of the necessary environment for the maintenance of peace and stability - the Prosecutors called upon states: To ensure that their legal systems and other regional legal arrangements to which they are party have the jurisdiction and the capacity to effectively prosecute international crimes or to extradite suspects of such crimes; To provide full cooperation to all the International Criminal Tribunals and to execute all requests and orders for assistance from the Tribunals including the arrest of all fugitives indicted by them; To seriously consider the adoption of a convention on the Suppression and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity.

The event is hosted on a rotating basis. The first meeting, in 2004, was hosted by the ICTR in Arusha. Subsequent gatherings were hosted by the SCSL in Freetown, Sierra Leone (2005), jointly by the ICTY and the ICC in The Hague (2006) and by the ECCC in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (2007).

[12 November](#)

Dragomir Milošević has

The Appeals Chamber reversed a number of convictions entered by the Trial Chamber and requalified the accused's criminal liability with regard to a number of counts. The Chamber considered that these findings had a "limited" impact on the

**sentence reduced
by the Appeals
Chamber**

sentence imposed upon Dragomir Milosevic, and reduced it from 33 to 29 years' imprisonment.

The full text of the summary of the judgement, as read out by Presiding Judge Fausto Pocar, is available through the ICTY website.

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**Tolimir case: trial
will begin on 17
December...**

...at 9.00 a.m. in Courtroom I, according to a Scheduling Order issued by Presiding Judge Prost. The Prosecution will begin with its opening statement on 17 December, and will continue on 18 December should it be necessary to do so. The start of trial will be preceded by the Pre-Trial Conference, held on 16 December at 2.15 p.m. in Courtroom I.

Zdravko Tolimir was initially indicted on 10 February 2005 on charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and violations of the laws or customs of war in relation to the events in Srebrenica.

[16 November](#)

**Senior officials to
present ICTY
budget in New
York**

Registrar John Hocking and Deputy Prosecutor Norman Farrell visited UNHQ to present the ICTY budget for the biennium 2010/2011 before the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).

The ICTY delegation, which also included Deputy Registrar Ken Roberts, OiC/CAO David Falces, Chief Budget Officer Jorge Benito and Deputy Chief of the Trial Division Bob Reid, enlisted support for the ICTY among the Member States.

Following ACABQ's review, the ICTY's budget will be submitted to the General Assembly's Fifth Committee for review prior to being submitted for approval to the General Assembly in plenary session.

[19 November](#)

**Diplomatic
Seminar:
President
discusses ICTY
workload**

Discussing the Tribunal's workload at the Diplomatic Seminar, President Robinson said that: "With a total of eight cases at trial and one at the judgement drafting stage, it is anticipated that five cases will be completed during the course of 2010, three in the first half of 2011 and the remaining case, that of Radovan Karadzic by September 2012."

Regarding the Tribunal's appellate activities, President Robinson reiterated his "proposal that four Tribunal Judges and four ICTR Judges be redeployed to the Appeals Chamber during the course of 2010 and 2011. This would allow the Tribunal to create three Appeals Chamber benches to manage the projected influx of 24 appeal cases. It is anticipated that 13 appeals would be disposed of in 2011, eight in 2012, two during the first half of 2013, and the final appeal, in the Karadzic case, by February 2014."

The full text of the President's address to the Diplomatic Seminar is available from Emma Coffey on 070 512 5399 or coffeye@un.org.

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**Diplomatic
Seminar:
Prosecutor is
concerned by the
possible
departure of
international staff
from the BiH
Special
Department for
War Crimes**

Addressing the diplomatic representatives, Prosecutor Brammertz discussed the cooperation given by States of the former Yugoslavia, saying among others that "when senior political figures praise war criminals and deny past crimes, acts and statements of cooperation become hollow."

Serge Brammertz explained in detail why his Office "is concerned about the possible departure of international personnel and support staff from the Special Department for War Crimes."

The Prosecutor concluded his presentation by saying that, although the budget submission provides for "a 40% reduction in the Office of the Prosecutor's posts as trials end over the course of next year, and a total of 60% of posts over the next two years,...Prosecution trial and appeals teams will continue to work at maximum capacity, to ensure that trials proceed expeditiously and in accordance with the completion strategy."

The full text of the Prosecutor's address to the Diplomatic Seminar is available from Emma Coffey on 070 512 5399 or coffeye@un.org.

[19 November](#)

Diplomatic Seminar: Registrar says that next biennium's budget is one of the most critical in the Tribunal's history

Talking to the Diplomatic Seminar upon his return from budget discussions in New York, Registrar John Hocking said that the budget for the next biennium "is one of the most critical budgets in the history of the Tribunal. It reflects the beginning of our closure – with a gross reduction of US\$82 million...and the abolishment over the next two years of 399 posts."

"This is a 40% reduction in staffing capacity compared to today's levels," the Registrar said, adding that "the completion of trials will also have a significant impact on the number of Judges. Current plans are that 14 Judges will leave before the end of 2011 (ten *ad litem* and four permanent Judges)."

Registrar Hocking also discussed the reorganisation of his Office, the downsizing process, the residual mechanism and the "vital" issue of the Tribunal having the capacity to enforce sentences.

The full text of the Registrar's address to the Diplomatic Seminar is available from Emma Coffey on 070 512 5399 or coffey@un.org.

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Karadžić case: Counsel appointed

Pursuant to the Trial Chamber's order issued on 5 November that a Counsel be appointed to prepare to represent the interests of the Accused at trial, the Registry has appointed Richard Harvey, a Barrister from the United Kingdom.

Richard Harvey was previously co-counsel for Haradin Bala, and is currently lead counsel for Lahi Brahimaj, whose case is pending final judgement before the Appeals Chamber.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 24 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
16:00 – 19:00, **Šešelj**, Administrative hearing
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

UN HOLIDAY: Eid al-Adha

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Courtroom I 10:30 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Đorđević**, Trial
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Simatović**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Simatović**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Dordević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Dordević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Dordević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial

Public proceedings are broadcast with a 30-minute delay on the ICTY's website.

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 121 ACCUSED

Since the very first hearing (deferral request in the Tadić case) on 8 November 1994, the Tribunal has indicted a total of 161 individuals, and has already completed proceedings with regard to 121 of them: 11 have been acquitted, 61 sentenced (three are awaiting transfer, 28 have been transferred, 28 have served their term, and two died while serving their sentence), 13 have had their cases transferred to local courts. Another 36 cases have been terminated (either because indictments were withdrawn or because the accused died, before or after transfer to the Tribunal).

Proceedings are on-going with regard to 40 accused: 13 are at the appeals stage, 24 are currently on trial, and one is at the pre-trial stage. Two fugitives are still at large.

A further 30 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

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