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MILAN BABIĆ'S GUILTY PLEA TO ONE COUNT OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY
ACCEPTED BY TRIAL CHAMBER I

Today, Wednesday 28 January 2004, Trial Chamber I comprised of Judges Alphons Orie (presiding), Amin El Mahdi and Joaquín Martín Canivell rendered its Decision on the Joint Motion for Consideration of Plea Agreement between Milan Babić and the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP).

The Trial Chamber stated that it accepted the guilty plea entered yesterday in court by Milan Babić on Count one of the Indictment, namely persecutions on political, racial and religious grounds as a crime against humanity. The Trial Chamber added that the crime of persecutions was committed within the objectives of the Joint Criminal Enterprise, of which Milan Babić was a co-perpetrator.

The date for the Sentencing Hearing will be announced in due course.

The full text of the Plea Agreement will be available on the ICTY website in due course:
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