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INSTANCE

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**PREDRAG BANOVIĆ PLEADS GUILTY TO ONE COUNT
OF PERSECUTIONS AS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY**

On Thursday 26 June 2003, Trial Chamber III comprised of Judge Richard May, presiding, Judge Patrick Robinson and Judge O-Gon Kwon held a hearing to consider a “Joint Motion for Consideration of Plea Agreement Between Predrag Banović and the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP)”.

The Motion reflected a negotiated Plea Agreement whereby the accused would agree to plead guilty to Count one of the Consolidated Indictment, persecutions, a crime against humanity, punishable under Article 5(h) of the Statute of the Tribunal. In exchange for Banović’s guilty plea, the Prosecution withdrew Counts two to five of the Indictment.

For background information on the case please see Press Release 633e.

The Trial Chamber stated that it was satisfied that the Plea Agreement met the requirements of Rule 62 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

The Sentencing Hearing was tentatively scheduled to take place on 3 September 2003 at 2.30 p.m.

*The full text of the Plea Agreement will be available on the Tribunal’s
Website at www.un.org/icty in due course*

Internet address: <http://www.un.org/icty>

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