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BLAŠKIĆ CASE: MODIFICATION OF GENERAL BLAŠKIĆ'S CONDITIONS OF DETENTION

In a Decision rendered on 9 January 1997, Judge Antonio Cassese, President of the Tribunal, partly granted a further modification of General BLAŠKIĆ's conditions of detention. The Defence counsel of the Accused filed a request for a change in General BLAŠKIĆ's conditions of detention on 5 December 1996. The President heard the Prosecutor and the Defence counsel in closed session on 6 December 1996.

Striking a balance between "*the right of all detainees to be treated in a humane manner in accordance with the fundamental principles of respect for their inherent dignity and the presumption of innocence*" and "*the imperatives of security and order*", President Cassese decided that the Accused:

- "*be granted two hours of physical exercise per day, such exercise to be taken in the living room of the Accused's quarters*";
- be granted "*seven hours of fresh air per week, to be taken on the terrace of his quarters, but not in the garden*";
- be permitted to receive the visit of his wife and children "*for up to seven consecutive days per month*";
- be allowed "*to use the living room of his quarters from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.*" each day;
- and that "*the present regime concerning the use of the toilets facilities not be discontinued, at least until such time as technical modifications, if any, are made to the Accused's quarters which would allow him and his family free access to those facilities without jeopardising security and order*".
