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**APPEALS CHAMBER REJECTS APPLICATIONS MADE BY CROATIA IN THE  
PROSECUTOR V. JANKO BOBETKO CASE**

Today, Friday 29 November 2002, the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia rendered its Decision rejecting a challenge by the Republic of Croatia to "*Decision and Orders of Confirming Judge*".

This Decision follows the filing by Croatia of two applications. The first, on 30 September 2002, was entitled "*Application of the Republic of Croatia to Submit an Interlocutory Appeal Against the Warrant of Arrest and Order for Surrender of 20 September 2002*". The second, filed on 4 October 2002, was entitled "*Request from the Republic of Croatia for a Review of the Judge's Decision of 17 September Confirming the Indictment Against Janko Bobetko and the Order for his Arrest and Surrender of 20 September*". Warrants of arrest and orders had been issued to Croatia on 17 and 20 September 2002.

President Jorda and Judge Shahabuddeen appended a Declaration, and Judges Hunt and Pocar appended a Separate Opinion.

*The full text of the Decision, as well as the Declaration and the Separate Opinion  
can be found on the Tribunal's website at [www.un.org/icty](http://www.un.org/icty)*

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