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IT-98-29/1-A

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**English** 

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL

Before:

Judge Theodor Meron, President

Registrar:

Mr. John Hocking

Order of:

12 July 2012

#### **PROSECUTOR**

v.

# DRAGOMIR MILOŠEVIĆ

#### **PUBLIC**

# **DECISION ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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I, THEODOR MERON, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991 ("Tribunal");

**NOTING** the "Motion on Behalf of Dragomir Milošević Seeking Disclosure of Rule 68 Material", filed publicly with confidential annexes by Dragomir Milošević on 29 May 2012 ("Motion");

**NOTING** the "Order Assigning a Trial Chamber to Consider Dragomir Milošević's Motion Seeking Disclosure of Rule 68 Material", issued on 27 June 2012 ("Order Assigning a Trial Chamber"), by which I assigned the Motion to Trial Chamber I of the Tribunal;

**NOTING** the "Motion for Reconsideration of Order Assigning a Trial Chamber to Consider Dragomir Milošević's Motion Seeking Disclosure of Rule 68 Material", filed by the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") on 2 July 2012 ("Motion for Reconsideration"), in which the Prosecution requests that I reconsider the Order Assigning a Trial Chamber and re-assign the Motion to the same bench of the Appeals Chamber of the Tribunal that rendered the Judgement in this case;<sup>1</sup>

**RECALLING** that reconsideration is permitted where, *inter alia*, the impugned decision presents a clear error of reasoning or particular circumstances justify its reconsideration in order to avoid an injustice;<sup>2</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda has recently held that it lacks jurisdiction to consider a post-appeal motion for disclosure of exculpatory material when there is no proceeding pending before it;<sup>3</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that the *Niyitegeka* Decision overruled the precedent related to post-appeal requests for disclosure relied upon by the Prosecution in the Motion for Reconsideration;<sup>4</sup>

**CONSIDERING**, therefore, that the Prosecution has failed to demonstrate that reconsideration of the Order Assigning a Trial Chamber is warranted;

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Motion for Reconsideration, paras 1-2, 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Prosecutor v. Radovan Karadžić, Case No. IT-95-5/18-T, Decision on Request for Review of Decision on Defence Team Funding, 31 January 2012, para. 38 and references cited therein. See also ibid., para. 37.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Eliézer Niyitegeka v. The Prosecutor, Case No. ICTR-96-14-R, Decision on Motion for Disclosure, 10 May 2011 ("Niyitegeka Decision"), para. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Niyitegeka Decision, para. 4 n. 8 (referring to Eliézer Niyitegeka v. The Prosecutor, Case No. ICTR-96-14-R, Decision on Motion to Order the Prosecution to Comply with a Trial Chamber Decision, 6 October 2010, and Jean de Dieu Kamuhandu v. The Prosecutor, Case No. ICTR-99-54A-R68, Decision on Motion for Disclosure, 4 March 2010). See also Motion for Reconsideration, para. 3 n. 6. The remaining precedent cited by the Prosecution is not relevant. See Motion for Reconsideration, para. 3 nn. 7-8.

## **HEREBY DENY** the Motion for Reconsideration.

Done in English and French, the English version being authoritative.

Done this 12th day of July 2012, At The Hague, The Netherlands.

Judge Theodor Meron

President

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