



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

Case No.: IT-95-5/18-PT
Date: 27 October 2008
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IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Judge Iain Bonomy, Pre-Trial Judge
Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis
Decision of: 27 October 2008

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

**DECISION ON ACCUSED'S SUBMISSION REQUESTING
POSTPONEMENT OF STATUS CONFERENCE**

Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Alan Tieger
Mr. Mark B. Harmon

The Accused:

Mr. Radovan Karadžić

I, **Iain Bonomy**, Judge 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”) am seised of the Accused’s submission of 24 October 2008 regarding the Status Conference scheduled for 28 October 2008 (“Request”), and hereby render this decision in relation thereto.

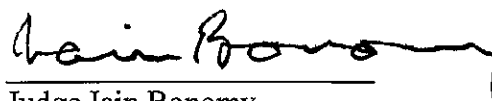
1. On 24 October 2008, the Accused wrote a letter in B/C/S to the Trial Chamber complaining, on several grounds, about the schedule for the upcoming Status Conference. This letter stated no request for relief, was transmitted on a UN holiday, and therefore was received by the Trial Chamber today. Upon being alerted of the situation, I requested the *Pro Se* Liaison Officer to communicate with the Accused to clarify the matter. Subsequently, the Accused added a request for relief to his letter.

2. I made special arrangements to have the letter translated and am of the current understanding that the Accused would like the Status Conference to be postponed, and that he cites several reasons for this request, including certain personal commitments and his upcoming testimony in the appeal hearing in *Prosecutor v. Krajišnik*. Following email correspondence with the *Pro Se* Liaison Officer, I note that these commitments continue throughout this week and next.

3. Based upon all the circumstances, it is not possible to find an alternative date to hold the Status Conference; it is therefore appropriate to adhere to the original date and time set out in the Order Scheduling a Status Conference, issued on 20 October 2008. In any case, the upcoming testimony in the *Krajišnik* case would not have constituted a reason to postpone the Status Conference, given that there are issues which need to be resolved in the pre-trial management of the Accused’s own case.

4. Accordingly, I, pursuant to Rules 54, 65 *bis*, and 65 *ter*, hereby DENY the Request and ORDER that the Status Conference shall be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2008, at 9.00 a.m. in Courtroom 1 as previously scheduled.

Done in both English and French, the English text being authoritative.



Judge Iain Bony
Pre-Trial Judge

Done this twenty-seventh day of October 2008
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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