



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: 25 February 2009  
Original: English

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**IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

**Before:** Judge Iain Bonomy, Presiding  
Judge Christoph Flügge  
Judge Michèle Picard

**Acting Registrar:** Mr. John Hocking

**Decision of:** 25 February 2009

**PROSECUTOR**

v.

**RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ**

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**DECISION ON ACCUSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE  
TO PROSECUTION MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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**Office of the Prosecutor**

Mr. Alan Tieger  
Mr. Mark B. Harmon  
Ms Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

**The Accused**

Mr. Radovan Karadžić

**THIS TRIAL CHAMBER** 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”) is seised of the Accused’s “Motion for Extension [sic] of Time to File Response to Prosecution Motion for Reconsideration”, filed by the Accused on 24 February 2009 (“Motion”), and hereby issues this decision thereon.

1. In the Motion, the Accused requests that the date for responding to the “Prosecution Motion for Reconsideration of the Trial Chamber’s Decision to Amend the First Amended Indictment and Urgent Request for a Stay of the Trial Chamber’s Order to File a Second Amended Indictment”, filed on 17 February 2009 with Confidential Annex A (“Prosecution Motion”) be set at 14 days after the assignment of Mr. Marko Sladojević as legal associate for the Accused.<sup>1</sup> The Accused argues that he is not in a position to analyse the supporting material appended to the Prosecution Motion in sufficient detail to respond to it, and that he wishes to consult with his legal associate Mr. Peter Robinson, who is scheduled to be in the Hague on 5 March 2009, before submitting his response.<sup>2</sup> The Accused further argues that in the period of 18–20 February 2009 he was served with 15 pleadings and that he cannot reasonably be expected to react to material received at the last minute.<sup>3</sup>

2. The Trial Chamber does not consider that a response from the Office of the Prosecutor to this Motion is necessary.

3. The Trial Chamber notes that the issues raised by the Accused in his Motion relate to the management of his case. As the Trial Chamber has pointed out on prior occasions, the Accused must realise the disadvantages of his decision to represent himself in these proceedings.<sup>4</sup> The Chamber reiterates to the Accused that choosing to proceed *pro se* is no justification for habitual requests for extension of time. The Chamber does not find that the requested extension of time in the Motion is warranted, and accordingly the deadline for the submission of a response to the Prosecution Motion by the Accused remains 25 February 2009.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Motion, para. 15.

<sup>2</sup> Motion, paras. 9–11.

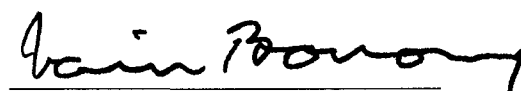
<sup>3</sup> Motion, para. 14.

<sup>4</sup> See *Prosecutor v. Karadžić*, Case No. IT-95-5/18-PT, Decision on Momčilo Perišić’s Motion for Access to Confidential Materials in the Radovan Karadžić Case, 14 October 2008, para. 14.

<sup>5</sup> Status Conference, 20 February 2009, T. 110.

4. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules, the Trial Chamber hereby **DENIES** the Motion.

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

  
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Judge Iain Bony

Dated this twenty-fifth day of February 2009  
At The Hague  
The Netherlands

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