



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 March 2009

Original: English

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

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

Acting Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Decision of: 27 March 2009

PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

**DECISION ON PROSECUTION'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INTERIM PRE-TRIAL BRIEF AND TO EXCEED THE WORD LIMIT**

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 “Prosecution’s Motion for an Extension of Time to File Interim Pre-Trial Brief and to Exceed the Word Limit”, filed on 25 March 2009 (“Motion”) and the “Response to Word Limit Motions and Motion for Extension of Time”, filed by the Accused on 27 March 2009, and hereby issues this decision thereon.

1. In the Motion, the Prosecution requests an extension of time to file its interim Pre-Trial Brief by Wednesday, 8 April 2009, and to exceed the word limit by an additional 10,000 words. The Prosecution submits that it wishes to provide the Accused and the Trial Chamber with relevant information in its interim Pre-Trial Brief, including further particulars on the participants in the JCEs and on the crimes charged in the Indictment. The Prosecution argues that, given the scope of its case, it is unable to provide this level of detail in the 15,000 word limit prescribed for Pre-Trial Briefs, and that an extension would best serve the Accused and the Trial Chamber in understanding its case and the evidence to be presented at trial. The Prosecution further justifies its request for additional time with reference to the considerable additional work required to provide this level of particularity.

2. The Trial Chamber notes that the Accused has recently raised the issue of particulars in his preliminary motions¹ and does not oppose the Motion. The Chamber finds that, for the reasons given by the Prosecution, the requested extensions of time and of the word limit are warranted.

3. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules, the Trial Chamber hereby **GRANTS** the Motion and notes that the new deadline for the submission of the Prosecution’s interim Pre-Trial Brief is Wednesday, 8 April 2009.

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



Judge Iain Bonomy

Dated this twenty-seventh day of March 2009
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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¹ *Prosecutor v. Karadžić*, Case No. IT-95-5/18-PT, Preliminary Motion to Dismiss Paragraph 60(K) for Lack of Jurisdiction, 10 March 2009; Preliminary Motion Alleging Defect in Form of the Indictment—Joint Criminal Enterprise Members and Non-Member Participants, 20 March 2009.