



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: 30 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:** 30 March 2009

**PROSECUTOR**

v.

**RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ**

***PUBLIC***

**DECISION IN RESPECT OF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**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 of Time—the Holbrooke Agreement Motion", filed on 23 March 2009 ("Motion"), and hereby issues this decision thereon.

1. In the Motion the Accused indicates that he intends to submit a preliminary motion for dismissal of the Indictment on the basis that he had an agreement with U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke that he would not be prosecuted by this Tribunal. However, the submission of this preliminary motion is dependant upon the resolution of a number of other matters, including a pending decision by the Appeals Chamber. For this reason, the Accused requests that he be granted an extension of time in which to file this preliminary motion, beyond the 1 April 2009 deadline.

2. The Chamber notes that the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") has not yet filed any response to the Motion. However, in light of the impending deadline for the filing of preliminary motions, the Chamber considers it appropriate to indicate that it will grant some extension of time to the Accused so that he can submit a preliminary motion on this particular issue. The period of the extension granted will be discussed and decided at the Status Conference to be held on 2 April 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

3. Accordingly, the Trial Chamber, pursuant to Rules 50, 54 and 127 of the Rules, hereby **GRANTS** the Accused an extension of time in which to file his preliminary motion challenging the Tribunal's jurisdiction based on the alleged agreement between him and U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, subject to further order to be made following the Status Conference of 2 April 2009.

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

  
Judge Iain Bony  
Presiding

Dated this thirtieth day of March 2009  
At The Hague  
The Netherlands

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