



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: 22 May 2009  
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**IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

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

**Registrar:** Mr. John Hocking

**Decision of:** 22 May 2009

**PROSECUTOR**

v.

**RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ**

***PUBLIC***

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**DECISION ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SEEK ORDER TO  
MINISTER CARL BILD T OF SWEDEN**

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**Office of the Prosecutor:**

Mr. Alan Tieger  
Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

**The Government of Sweden**

via the Embassy of Sweden  
to The Netherlands, The Hague

**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 to Seek Order to Minister Carl Bildt of Sweden”, filed on 21 May 2009 (“Motion”), and hereby renders its decision thereon.

1. In the Motion, the Accused asks for “an extension of time in which to seek an order, pursuant to Rule 54, compelling Foreign Minister Carl Bildt of Sweden to submit to an interview with a representative of his defence team.”<sup>1</sup> In its earlier order of 20 May 2009 (“Order”), the Chamber, having outlined the reasons behind the Accused’s desire to conduct an interview with Mr. Bildt, and the circumstances in which both the Accused and the Chamber were unsuccessful in obtaining a response from the Government of Sweden, ordered the Accused to make an application pursuant to Rule 54 and/or Rule 54 *bis* of the Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), by no later than 22 May 2009 (“Rule 54 Motion”). The Chamber also invited the Government of Sweden to file a written response to any such application by no later than 1 June 2009, and to send a representative to attend the status conference scheduled for 3 June 2009.<sup>2</sup>

2. In the Motion, the Accused explains that, on 20 May, his legal team received an email from the Ambassador for Sweden to the Netherlands in which he expressed that Mr. Bildt was willing to meet with the Accused’s legal adviser. The Accused’s legal adviser then responded immediately seeking to fix an appointment for next week.<sup>3</sup> As a result, in hope that this communication will lead to an interview prior to the status conference scheduled for 3 June 2009, the Accused now seeks an extension of time to file his Rule 54 Motion and notes that he would be prepared to make such a motion orally at the status conference.<sup>4</sup>

3. The Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) has not yet responded to this Motion but, given the urgency of the matter, the Chamber issues this decision without having heard from the Prosecution.

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

<sup>2</sup> Order, 20 May 2009, paras. 1–6, 8.

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

<sup>4</sup> Motion, para. 22.

4. The Chamber considers that the Accused has shown good cause for an extension of time in these particular circumstances. Accordingly, pursuant to Rules 54 and 127 of the Rules, the Trial Chamber hereby:

- a. **GRANTS** the Motion;
- b. **NOTES** that the matter will be considered further at the status conference scheduled for 3 June 2009 to which a representative from the Swedish Government has been invited; and
- c. **ORDERS** the Registry to immediately intimate this decision to the Government of Sweden.

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



Judge Iain Bonomy, Presiding

Dated this twenty-second day of May 2009  
At The Hague  
The Netherlands

**[Seal of the Tribunal]**