



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-T

Date: 23 March 2012

Original: English

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Judge O-Gon Kwon, Presiding Judge
Judge Howard Morrison
Judge Melville Baird
Judge Flavia Lattanzi, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Decision of: 23 March 2012

PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

**DECISION ON MOTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FOR
FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME**

Office of the Prosecutor

Mr. Alan Tieger
Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

The Accused

Mr. Radovan Karadžić

The Government of the United Kingdom

via the Embassy of the United Kingdom to
The Netherlands, The Hague

Standby Counsel

Mr. Richard Harvey

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 “United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland’s Urgent Motion for a Further Extension of Time to Respond to the Trial Chamber’s Order Inviting a Response to the Motion and the Prosecution Observations”, filed on 23 March 2012 (“Motion”), and hereby renders its decision thereon.

1. The Chamber recalls that the background to this Motion was previously summarised in this Chamber’s “Decision on Motion from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Extension of Time”, filed on 24 February 2012 (“Decision”), and will not be revisited here.¹

2. In the Decision, the Chamber granted the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“UK”) an extension of time until 23 March 2012 to file its response to the issues raised in the Accused’s “Motion to Compel Production of Seven Documents” of 24 January 2012 (“Accused Motion”), and to the observations made by the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) in the “Prosecution Observations on Motion to Compel Production of Seven Documents” filed on 3 February 2012 (“Prosecution Observations”).²

3. In the present Motion, the UK states that it is currently engaged in discussions with the state from which the seven documents that the Accused seeks to obtain originate, and that further substantive discussions are necessary in order for the UK to provide a fully considered submission to the Chamber.³ Therefore, the UK requests a further extension of time of 28 days to file its response.⁴

4. On 23 March 2012, the Accused stated that he does not oppose the UK’s request for a further extension of time.

5. The Chamber recalls that it is in the interests of the parties involved that co-operation with states be conducted on a voluntary basis. Given that it would benefit from a comprehensive response by the UK, and in the interest of the matter being resolved without the involvement of the Chamber, the Chamber considers that it is in the interests of justice to grant the UK a further

¹ See Decision, paras. 1–7.

² The Prosecution was invited to respond to the Accused’s Motion on 25 January 2012, *see* T. 23643 (25 January 2012).

³ Motion, paras. 3–4.

⁴ Motion, paras. 5–6.

extension of time, until 20 April 2012, to provide a response to the Accused's Motion and the Prosecution's Observations.

6. For the reasons outlined above, pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules, the Trial Chamber hereby **GRANTS** the Motion and: (i) **INVITES** the UK to assist the Trial Chamber by providing a response to the Accused's Motion and the Prosecution's Observations by no later than close of business on 20 April 2012; and (ii) **REQUESTS** the Registry to provide this Decision to the UK.

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



Judge O-Gon Kwon
Presiding

Dated this twenty-third day of March 2012
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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