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ARREST WARRANT SUSPENDED AGAINST BRANKO ĐERIĆ

Trial Chamber I of the Tribunal today requested the suspension of an arrest warrant issued last week against Branko Đerić, a former Prime Minister of Republika Srpska, the Bosnian Serb-dominated entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The request was made after Đerić initiated contact with the Trial Chamber, expressing his willingness to testify in the case against former Bosnian Serb political leader Momčilo Krajišnik and to travel voluntarily to the seat of the Tribunal in The Hague.

Judges issued an arrest warrant against Đerić on 27 June 2006 after he failed to appear in court as a witness the previous day having been earlier subpoenaed to do so.

In accordance with the Tribunal's Rules, the Judges have the authority to call witnesses to assist them in the adjudication of a case. Đerić is one of several witnesses that Judges in the Krajišnik case have called. The Prosecution concluded the presentation of its evidence on 22 July 2005, the defence case commenced 10 October 2005.

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