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MIROSLAV KVOČKA GRANTED EARLY RELEASE

On 30 March 2005, the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Judge Theodor Meron, granted Miroslav Kvočka's Request for early release pursuant to Article 28 of the Statute of the Tribunal, and Rules 124 and 125 of the Rules of Evidence and Procedure.

On 2 November 2001, Miroslav Kvočka was found guilty by virtue of his individual criminal responsibility on one count of crimes against humanity (persecutions) and two counts of violations of the laws or customs of war (murder and torture) and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment which was upheld by the Appeals Chamber (Please refer to Press Release 940e dated 28 February 2005).

In reaching his decision, the President considered a number of different factors. These included the fact that Kvočka had served two-thirds of his sentence on 13 January 2004.

The President also considered a number of submissions, including reports by the Commanding Officer of the Detention Unit and the Office of the Prosecutor, and consulted with the members of the Appeals Chamber and the members of the Bureau.

The full text of the Decision will be available on the Tribunal's website www.un.org/icty in due time. Hard copies can also be obtained from the Media Office.

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