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### **MILAN MARTIĆ CASE TO BE REVIEWED IN OPEN COURT, POSSIBLY WITH WITNESSES**

At the initiative of Judge JORDA, the Trial Chamber I will review **in open court**, as of Tuesday 27 February 1996, the indictment against Milan MARTIĆ. During this hearing, **the Prosecutor will display the evidence** supporting the charges. It is likely that witnesses will be called on.

Milan MARTIĆ was indicted on 25 July 1995. The then President of Croatian Serb administration in Knin was charged with war crimes in relation with the firing of cluster-bombs into the central part of Zagreb in May 1995.

This hearing is expected to last three days.

#### **Proceedings**

On 13 February 1996, in accordance with Rule 61 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal ("the Rules"), during a meeting in his private Chambers, Judge Claude JORDA set the date of 27 February 1995 for the public hearing of the case brought against Milan MARTIĆ, President of the Croatian Serb administration in Knin. In an indictment confirmed on 25 July 1995 by Judge JORDA, Milan MARTIĆ stands accused of violations of the laws and customs of war following attacks on Zagreb carried out in May 1995.

Since the warrants of arrest have not been executed, Judge JORDA, considering that, in this case, a reasonable time had long since elapsed, in accordance with the amendment adopted by the Judges in January 1996 in paragraph (A) of the Rules, invited the Prosecutor to report on what measures he had taken to inform the accused of the existence of the indictment.

Under these conditions, it was decided that Trial Chamber I in a public hearing would be seized on 27 February 1996 of the indictment against Milan MARTIĆ. Following the public hearing, Trial Chamber I will be able to reconfirm the indictment, issue an international warrant of arrest and, if necessary, inform the Security Council.

#### **Accreditation**

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#### **Background**

A detailed information memorandum on Rule 61 proceedings is available upon request of the

Press Information Office.