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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-09-92-PT
Date: 3 May 2012
Original: English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Alphons Orie, Presiding
Judge Bakone Justice Moloto
Judge Christoph Flügge

Registrar: Mr John Hocking

Decision of: 3 May 2012

PROSECUTOR

v.

RATKO MLADIĆ

PUBLIC

**DECISION ON TWO DEFENCE REQUESTS FOR
ADJOURNMENT OF THE START OF TRIAL**

Office of the Prosecutor

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Mr Peter McCloskey

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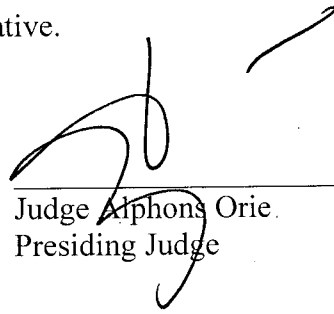
Mr Branko Lukić
Mr Miodrag Stojanović

1. The Chamber has denied requests for the postponement of the start of trial on several occasions. These are the decisions of 6 March 2012,¹ 11 April 2012,² and 27 April 2012.³ On 3 May 2012 at the Pre-Trial Conference, the Chamber gave reasons for these denials.⁴

2. The Chamber has considered two further requests by the Defence for a 90-day adjournment of the start of trial in the present case. These are contained in "Notice Pursuant to Chamber Direction of 29 March 2012, and Urgent Motion to Compel", filed on 10 April 2012 (in relation to disclosure of materials pursuant to Rule 66 (A)(ii) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules")), and "Defence Response to the Prosecution "Corrigendum" Seeking Addition of Documents to the Rule 65 *ter* Exhibit List", filed on 12 April 2012 (in relation to disclosure of documents listed on the Prosecution's list of exhibits pursuant to Rule 65 *ter* of the Rules). These requests have been reiterated and argued in additional filings, as well as in oral submissions most recently during the continued Pre Trial Conference held on the 3 May 2012. The Chamber has also considered the relevant Prosecution responses to the requests.

3. The Chamber denies the two Defence requests, with written reasons to follow.

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



Judge Alphons Orie
Presiding Judge

Dated this third of May 2012
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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¹ T. 253-254.

² In the same decision, the Chamber granted the Prosecution's requests for relief contained in its 23 March 2012 filing, and accordingly set the deadline for disclosure of Rule 68 (i) material in relation to its Witness List to 27 April 2012 for the witnesses that the Prosecution intends to call before the summer break, and to 29 June 2012 for all remaining witnesses. This decision is hereby put on the record.

³ T. 348.

⁴ T. 348-350.