



International Tribunal for the
Prosecution of Persons
Responsible for Serious Violations of
International Humanitarian Law
Committed in the Territory of
Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Case No. IT-95-13/1-T
Date: 23 February 2007
Original: English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Kevin Parker, Presiding
Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert
Judge Krister Thelin

Registrar: Mr Hans Holthuis

Decision: 23 February 2007

PROSECUTOR

v.

**MILE MRKŠIĆ
MIROSLAV RADIĆ
VESELIN ŠLJIVANČANIN**

**DECISION ON MRKŠIĆ DEFENCE MOTION FOR
VARIATION FROM WORD LIMIT**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr Marks Moore
Mr Vincent Lunny

Counsel for the Accused:

Mr Miroslav Vasić and Mr Vladimir Domazet for Mile Mrkšić
Mr Borivoje Borović and Ms Mira Tapušковиć for Miroslav Radić
Mr Novak Lukić and Mr Momčilo Bulatović for Veselin Šljivančanin

TRIAL CHAMBER II (“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”);

BEING SEIZED OF the “Mile Mrkšić’s Defence Motion for Variation of Word Limit,” filed on 21 February 2007 (“Motion”), in which the Defence for Mile Mrkšić (“Mrkšić Defence”) requests authorisation to exceed the word limit outlined in the Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions¹ (“Practice Direction”) for its Final Trial Brief;

NOTING that the Mrkšić Defence submits that due to the amount of evidence presented at trial, it is necessary to exceed the word limit requirement in order to properly address all the significant issues imperative to the defence of Mile Mrkšić, and requests an extension of the limit from 60,000 words to 90,000 words;

CONSIDERING that upon request a Chamber may, where exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing have been shown by the moving party, extend the word limit imposed by the Practice Direction;²

CONSIDERING that the amount of evidence in this case of direct relevance to the criminal responsibility of Mile Mrkšić and the number of issues arising out of this evidence can be deemed exceptional circumstances necessitating variation from the word limit requirement;

CONSIDERING, however, that the increase requested by the Mrkšić Defense is excessive;

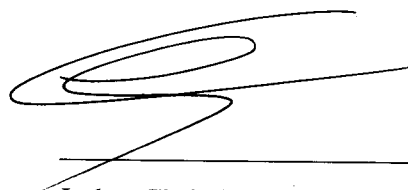
For the foregoing reasons and pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal and Clause (C)(7) of the Practice Direction;

HEREBY GRANTS the Motion in part and **ORDERS** the Mrkšić Defence to file a Final Trial Brief not exceeding 70,000 words.

¹ IT/184/Rev. 2, 16 September 2005.

² Practice Direction, Clause (C)(7).

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



Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert

Dated this twenty-third day of February 2007
At The Hague
The Netherlands

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