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MOMIR NIKOLIĆ PLEADS GUILTY TO PERSECUTIONS AS A CRIME
AGAINST HUMANITY

On 7 May 2003, Trial Chamber I (Judge Liu, presiding, Judge Vassylenko and Judge Argibay) held a hearing to consider a “Joint Motion for Consideration of Amended Plea Agreement Between Momir Nikolić and the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP)”.

The Motion reflected a negotiated Plea Agreement whereby the Accused would agree to plead guilty to Count 5 of the Indictment, persecutions on political, racial and religious grounds as a crime against humanity. In exchange for Momir Nikolić’s guilty plea and his “complete cooperation with the OTP” as set forth in the Agreement, the OTP agreed to the following:

- *“That the Prosecutor will recommend to the Trial Chamber that they impose a sentence within the range of 15 to 20 years and that the Accused be given credit for the time he has served in ICTY custody. The Defence will recommend a sentence of 10 years.*
- *That, at the time of the acceptance of the plea by the Trial Chamber, the Prosecutor will move to dismiss without prejudice to either party the remaining charges against Momir Nikolić”.*

The Trial Chamber stated that it was satisfied that the Plea Agreement met the requirements of Rule 62 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and as a result made a finding of guilt and entered a conviction on Count 5 of the Indictment.

A time and date for the Sentencing Hearing will be set in due course.

The full text of the Plea Agreement is available on the Tribunal’s website at un.org/icty

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