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

### IN TRIAL CHAMBER I

### **Before:**

Judge Bakone Justice Moloto, Presiding Judge Pedro David Judge Michèle Picard

**Registrar:** 

**Decision of:** 

Mr. John Hocking

**2 December 2010** 

#### PROSECUTOR

v.

## MOMČILO PERIŠIĆ

### **PUBLIC**

# DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTIONS TO AMEND ITS RULE 65 TER WITNESS LIST AND TO ADMIT EVIDENCE PURSUANT TO RULE 92 BIS

#### The Office of the Prosecutor

Mr. Mark Harmon

**Counsel for the Accused** 

Mr. Novak Lukić Mr. Gregor Guy-Smith **TRIAL CHAMBER I** ("Trial 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 SEISED** of the "Defence Motion to Amend its Rule 65 *ter* Witness List and Motion for the Admission of Evidence Pursuant to Rule 92 *bis* with Public Annex A" filed publicly on 12 November 2010 ("Motion"), whereby the Defence requests leave to amend its Rule 65 *ter* Witness List and the admission into evidence of the written statement of Mr. Thomas Hansen ("Proposed Statement");<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** the Defence's submission that Mr. Hansen was inadvertently omitted from the Defence 65 ter list - a fact which was only discovered during the summer recess;<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING** the Defence submits that the Proposed Statement is relevant and of probative value as it furnishes evidence as to the shelling incident in Sarajevo on 18 June 1995, alleged in the Indictment as scheduled Incident A-7;<sup>3</sup>

**NOTING** the Defence further submits that, by requesting the admission of Mr. Hansen's evidence through Rule 92 *bis*, no additional court time will be necessary and the trial will not be prolonged in any fashion;<sup>4</sup>

**NOTING** the "Prosecution's Response to Defence Motion to Amend its Rule 65 *ter* Witness List and Motion for the Admission of Evidence Pursuant to Rule 92 *bis* dated 12 November 2010" filed publicly on 26 November 2010 ("Response"), in which the Prosecution does not oppose the Motion and notifies the Trial Chamber that it does not seek to cross-examine Mr. Hansen;<sup>5</sup>

**RECALLING** by reference the requirements pertaining to the amendment of the Rule 65 *ter* Witness List and to the admission of evidence under Rule 92 *bis* as set out in previous decisions of this Trial Chamber;<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Motion, para. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Motion, para. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Motion, paras 3, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Motion, para. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Response, paras 2-3.
<sup>6</sup> See First Decision on Prosecution Motion for Leave to Amend its Rule 65 ter List, 6 October 2009, para. 7; Decision on Prosecution Motion for Leave to File a Sixth Supplemental Rule 65 ter Exhibit List, 3 November 2008; Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Evidence Pursuant to Rule 92 bis, 2 October 2008, paras 10-16; see also Prosecutor v. Zdravko Tolimir, Case No. IT-05-88/2-T, Decision on Prosecution's Motion for Leave to Amend The Rule 65 ter Witness List And For Disclosure of An Expert Witness Report Pursuant To Rule 94 bis, 3 August 2010, paras 4-5; Prosecutor v. Jovica Stanišić and Franko Simatović, Case No. IT-03-69-T, Decision on Prosecution's Motions for Admission of Written Evidence Pursuant to Rule 92 bis, 7 October 2010, paras 29-38.

**FINDING** that the Proposed Statement is *prima facie* relevant and of probative value and that it is in the interests of justice to allow the amendment of the Rule 65 *ter* Witness List;

**CONSIDERING** that the Proposed Statement does not go to proof of the acts and conduct of the Accused as charged in the Indictment;

**CONSIDERING** that the Proposed Statement is relevant and of probative value, as it relates to the scheduled incident A7, and that there are no factors militating against its admission;

**CONSIDERING** that the Proposed Statement is duly certified within the meaning of Rule 92 *bis* (B) of the Rules;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS and PURSUANT TO Rules 65 *ter*, 89 and 92 *bis* of the Rules, the Trial Chamber hereby:

**GRANTS** the Motion;

GRANTS the Defence leave to add Mr. Thomas Hansen to the Defence Rule 65 ter Witness List;

ADMITS into evidence the Proposed Statement of Mr. Thomas Hansen; and

**REQUESTS** the Registry to assign an exhibit number to the Proposed Statement admitted into evidence.

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

Judge Bakone Justice Moloto Presiding Judge

Dated this second day of December 2010 At The Hague The Netherlands

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