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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-04-74-A

Date: 21 May 2014

Original: English

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Theodor Meron, Pre-Appeal Judge

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Order of: 21 May 2014

PROSECUTOR

v.

**JADRANKO PRLIĆ
BRUNO STOJIĆ
SLOBODAN PRALJAK
MILIVOJ PETKOVIĆ
VALENTIN ČORIĆ
BERISLAV PUŠIĆ**

PUBLIC

**ORDER LIFTING CONFIDENTIAL AND *EX PARTE*
STATUS OF LETTER FROM SLOBODAN PRALJAK**

Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Douglas Stringer
Mr. Mathias Marcussen

The Accused:

Mr. Michael G. Karnavas and Ms. Suzana Tomanović for Mr. Jadranko Prlić
Ms. Senka Nožica and Mr. Karim A. A. Khan QC for Mr. Bruno Stojić

Mr. Slobodan Praljak

Ms. Vesna Alaburić and Mr. Guénaél Mettraux for Mr. Milivoj Petković
Ms. Dijana Tomašegović-Tomić and Mr. Dražen Plavec for Mr. Valentin Čorić
Mr. Fahrudin Ibrišimović and Mr. Roger Sahota for Mr. Berislav Pušić

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I, **THEODOR MERON**, Judge of the Appeals 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 (“Appeals Chamber” and “Tribunal”, respectively), and Pre-Appeal Judge in this case;¹

NOTING the letter from Slobodan Praljak (“Praljak”) dated 28 April 2014, which was filed confidentially and *ex parte* on 30 April 2014 (“Letter”) and in which Praljak (i) informed me of his decision to withdraw the power-of-attorney from his *pro bono* counsel and henceforth represent himself, (ii) requested translations of the Trial Judgement and all appellate submissions and correspondence in a language he understands, *i.e.*, Croatian, and (iii) reiterated his request for a stay of proceedings until he received all the requested translations;

NOTING “Slobodan Praljak’s Urgent Motion for Stay of Procedure with Confidential Annexes”, filed publicly with confidential annexes on 3 October 2013 (“2013 Motion”), in which Praljak requested that the Appeals Chamber stay the pending appeal proceedings against him until he receives the translation of “essential” documents in a language he understands, *i.e.*, Croatian;²

RECALLING that the Appeals Chamber dismissed the 2013 Motion, holding, *inter alia*, that “Praljak’s request for translations and his related request for stay of proceedings are premature” because “the issue would become relevant only if Praljak elects to be self-represented”;³

CONSIDERING that it is in the interests of justice that the Letter be made available to the Prosecution, in order to allow the Prosecution the opportunity to respond, if it wishes to do so;

CONSIDERING FURTHER that no exceptional reasons exist for maintaining the confidentiality of the information contained in the Letter, which merely reiterates Praljak’s public request, contained in the 2013 Motion, for a stay of appellate proceedings until translations are received;⁴

PURSUANT to Rules 54 and 107 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;

HEREBY INSTRUCTS the Registrar to lift the confidential and *ex parte* status of the Letter and immediately provide a copy of the Letter to the Prosecution; and

INVITES the Prosecution to file a response to the Letter, if any, within ten (10) days from the date of this Order.

¹ Order Designating a Pre-Appeal Judge, 19 June 2013, p. 1.

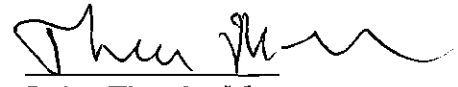
² 2013 Motion, paras 14, 23, 27, 37.

³ Decision on Praljak’s Motions for Stay of Procedure and Assignment of Counsel in the Interest of Justice, 4 April 2014, para. 21.

⁴ Letter, p. 1.

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

Done this 21st day of May 2014,
At The Hague,
The Netherlands.


Judge Theodor Meron
Pre-Appeal Judge

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