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MILOŠEVIĆ CASE: TRIAL CHAMBER TO HEAR SUBMISSIONS ON SEVERANCE OF KOSOVO INDICTMENT

The judges of the Trial Chamber sitting on the trial of Slobodan Milošević have today ordered that a hearing be convened next week on Tuesday, 29 November 2005 at 9 a.m. in order to “hear submissions of the parties on severing the Kosovo Indictment and concluding that part of the trial, and further submissions in relation to the medical condition of the accused.”

In its order, the Trial Chamber *inter alia*:

- Considered “that following a period of relative good health, in which the Trial Chamber continued to sit three days per week, the trial was adjourned on 11 November for one day, and then from half way through the hearing on 15 November and until at least the end of this week, due to the same condition and factors that has plagued the conduct of the trial throughout”,
- Noted “that the Appeals Chamber has contemplated the possibility of severance in principle in its ‘Reasons for Decision on Prosecution Interlocutory Appeal from Refusal to Order Joinder’”,
- Considered “that based on the witness list produced by the Accused and his statements made in court about the number of remaining Kosovo witnesses, it is apparent that the Kosovo part of the Accused’s case has almost concluded”, and
- Considered “that it may be in the interests of justice for the Trial Chamber to sever the Kosovo Indictment, conclude that part of the trial and render its Judgement thereon”.

A copy of the order can be found on the Tribunal’s website at:
<http://www.un.org/icty/milosevic/trialc/order-e/051122.htm>

*Hard copies of the order may be requested from the Media Office.
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