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MILOŠEVIĆ CASE

REGISTRAR INSTRUCTED TO APPOINT COUNSEL FOR THE ACCUSED

At the conclusion of today's hearing, Trial Chamber III issued an oral Order reading as follows:

“Pursuant to the Trial Chamber's decision to assign counsel, the Registrar of the ICTY is instructed to appoint counsel for the accused. The Registrar should endeavour in the first instance to secure the appointment of Mr. Kay and Ms. Higgins, and the Registrar should make arrangements for appropriate funding for assigned and supporting members of the team to enable them to carry out their duties.

(...)

It is, however open to the accused to invite the Trial Chamber to consider at any later stage a reasonable request to be permitted to instruct his own counsel.

(...)

The Registrar is to report to the Trial Chamber by 1.00 p.m. tomorrow on the arrangements made for assigned counsel. Following receipt of that report, the Trial Chamber will set out in an order the modalities for the further conduct of the trial in anticipation that evidence will commence on Tuesday, 7th September 2004.”

Presiding Judge Patrick Robinson also said that “we have taken this course of action because the accused made it plain yesterday in spite of encouragement from Judge Kwon to appoint counsel such as his current associates, that he would not consider doing so.”

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