



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-03-67-R77.1-PT

Date: 20 June 2008

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French

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**IN TRIAL CHAMBER III**

**Before:** Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti, presiding  
Judge Frederik Harhoff  
Judge Flavia Lattanzi

**Registrar:** Mr Hans Holthuis

**Order of:** 20 June 2008

**IN THE CASE AGAINST LJUBIŠA PETKOVIĆ**

***PUBLIC DOCUMENT***

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**ORDER FOR INFORMATION FROM THE REGISTRY REGARDING  
ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL FOR THE ACCUSED**

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**The Accused:**

Mr Ljubiša Petković

**TRIAL CHAMBER III** ("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");

***PROPRIO MOTU***

**NOTING** the transfer of Ljubiša Petković ("Accused") to the Tribunal's detention unit ("Detention Unit") on 28 May 2008;

**NOTING** the initial appearance of the Accused which was held on 29 May 2008;<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** Rule 62 (C) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal ("Rules"), according to which

[w]ithin 30 days of the initial appearance, if the accused has not retained permanent counsel or has not yet elected in writing to conduct his or her own defence in accordance with Rule 45 (F), permanent counsel shall be assigned by the Registrar. Should the Registrar be unable to appoint permanent counsel within the time-limit, he will seek an extension from the Trial Chamber.

**NOTING** Rule 65 *ter* (B) of the Rules in accordance with which "the pre-trial Judge shall ensure that the proceedings are not unduly delayed and shall take any measure necessary to prepare the case for a fair and expeditious trial";

**CONSIDERING** that the Chamber's judicial recess is scheduled from Friday 25 July 2008 to Monday 25 August 2008;

**CONSIDERING** that a status conference must be organized pursuant to Rule 65 *bis* of the Rules and that a date for the trial must be set;

**CONSIDERING** that the Chamber holds that it is therefore imperative that the issue of representation of the Accused be settled as quickly as possible;

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<sup>1</sup> Scheduling Order for Initial Appearance, 28 May 2008.

**FOR THESE REASONS**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH** Rules 54 and 65 *ter* (B) of the Rules

**REQUESTS** the Registry to file a report with the Chamber no later than Tuesday 24 June 2008 on the progress of the procedure for assigning permanent counsel to the Accused.

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

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Jean-Claude Antonetti  
Presiding Judge

Done this twentieth day of June 2008.  
At The Hague  
The Netherlands

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