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Case No. IT-03-68-PT
Prosecutor v. Naser Orić

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D2169-D2168

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DECISION**THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR,**

CONSIDERING the Statute of the Tribunal as adopted by the Security Council under Resolution 827 (1993), and in particular Article 21 thereof;

CONSIDERING the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as adopted by the Tribunal on 11 February 1994, as subsequently amended, and in particular Rules 44 and 45 thereof;

CONSIDERING the Directive on Assignment of Defence Counsel (hereinafter "the Directive"), as adopted by the Tribunal on 28 July 1994, as subsequently amended, and in particular, Articles 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11(B);

CONSIDERING that on 14 April 2003, Mr. Naser Orić (hereinafter "the accused") requested that Ms. Vasvija Vidović, attorney at law from Sarajevo, be assigned as his defence counsel;

CONSIDERING that on 18 June 2003, Ms. Vidović submitted a request to the Registry that Mr. John Jones, attorney at law from London, be assigned as the accused's co-counsel;

CONSIDERING that the Registrar assigned Ms. Vidović on 24 April 2003 as counsel to the accused for a period of 120 days and that after that period expired, the Registrar extended Ms. Vidović's assignment for a period of 90 days on 27 August 2003;

CONSIDERING that the Registrar assigned Mr. John Jones on 1 July 2003 as co-counsel to the accused for a period of 45 days and that after that period expired, the Registrar extended Ms. Jones's assignment for a period of 90 days on 27 August 2003;

CONSIDERING that for the purpose of establishing whether the accused satisfies the requisite conditions for assignment of counsel, the Registrar may inquire into his means, request the gathering of any information or the production of any documents to verify the request;

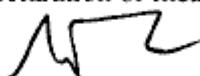
CONSIDERING that the accused submitted his declaration of means on 16 April 2003 as within Article 7 (B) of the Directive;

CONSIDERING that on 27 November 2003, the Registry had not yet completed its inquiry into the means of the accused, and extended the assignment of Ms. Vidović and Mr. Jones as counsel and co-counsel for the accused to 27 February 2004, pending verification of the accused's declaration of means;

CONSIDERING that the Registry has not completed its inquiry into the means of the accused by 27 February 2004 and that the inquiry remains pending as of the date of this Decision;

CONSIDERING that the right of the accused to counsel should not be affected while the Registrar examines the declaration of means laid down in Article 7 and the information obtained pursuant to Article 10 of the Directive;

DECIDES to extend the assignment of Ms. Vasvija Vidović as counsel and the assignment of Mr. John Jones as co-counsel to the accused as of 27 February 2004 for a period of 90 days, pending verification of the accused's declaration of means.


David Tolbert
Deputy Registrar



Dated this Fifteenth day of March 2004
At The Hague
The Netherlands