



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-T
Date: 13 June 2007
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French

IN TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti, presiding
Judge Árpád Prandler
Judge Stefan Trechsel
Reserve Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Registrar: Mr Hans Holthuis

Decision of: 13 June 2007

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

**Jadranko PRLIĆ
Bruno STOJIĆ
Slobodan PRALJAK
Milivoj PETKOVIĆ
Valentin ĆORIĆ
Berislav PUŠIĆ**

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DECISION ON MOTION OF THE ACCUSED PRLIĆ FOR SEVERANCE

The Office of the Prosecutor:

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Mr Daryl Mundis

Counsel for the Accused:

Mr Michael Karnavas and Ms Suzana Tomanović for Jadranko Prlić
Ms Senka Nožica and Mr Peter Murphy for Bruno Stojić
Mr Božidar Kovačić and Ms Nika Pinter for Slobodan Praljak
Ms Vesna Alaburić and Mr Nicholas Stewart for Milivoj Petković
Ms Dijana Tomašegović-Tomić and Mr Dražen Plavec for Valentin Ćorić
Mr Fahrudin Ibrišimović and Mr Roger Sahota for Berislav Pušić

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”);

SEIZED of “Jadranko Prlić’s Request for Extension of Word Limit for His Motion for Severance and Jadranko Prlić’s Motion for Severance”, filed by Counsel for the Accused Prlić (“Prlić Defence”) on 1 June 2007 (“Motion”).

CONSIDERING that, in the Motion, the Prlić Defence seeks in particular leave to exceed the word limit permitted by the “Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions” of 16 September 2005 (“Direction”),

CONSIDERING that, in support of the request to exceed the word limit, the Prlić Defence submits that the duration of the trial and the number of pages of transcripts built up in the case of the *Prosecutor v. Jadranko Prlić et al.* make it impossible to substantiate the motion for severance without exceeding the number of words permitted,

CONSIDERING that the Motion contains 12,915 words and that, as a result, infringes the Direction, paragraph 5 of which provides that “motions, responses and replies before a Chamber will not exceed 3,000 words”,

CONSIDERING that the Prlić Defence has failed to explain why it would be impossible to substantiate the motion and at the same time comply with the Direction and that, as a result, there is no reason to grant it,

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

PURSUANT TO the Direction,

DENIES the request to exceed the word limit **AND**

REQUESTS that the Prlić Defence file a motion in accordance with the Direction.

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

/signed/

Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti
Presiding Judge

Done this thirteenth day of June 2007
At The Hague
The Netherlands

[Seal of the Tribunal]