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TADIĆ CASE: PRE-SENTENCING HEARING BEGINS ON 30 JUNE

The pre-sentencing hearing in the Tadic case will commence on Monday 30 June 1997 at **2.30 p.m**. before Trial Chamber II of the International Tribunal.

The hearing will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the same week, between 2.30 and 5.30 p.m, and on Friday 4 June between 10 a.m. and 5. 30 p.m.

The Defence is expected to call around seven witnesses to testify at the pre-sentencing hearing. The Prosecutor will not call any witnesses.

Purpose of the Hearing

During the hearing, which is convened in accordance with Rule 100 of the International Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence, "the Prosecutor and the defence may submit any relevant information that may assist the Trial Chamber in determining an appropriate sentence".

Under Article 24 (2) of the Statute and Rule 101(B) of the Rules, such information includes any aggravating or mitigating circumstances, sentencing policy in the former Yugoslavia, the seriousness of the crimes and the individual circumstances of the accused.

Penalties

Under Article 24(1) of the Statute: "The penalty imposed by the Trial Chamber shall be limited to imprisonment. (. . .)." Rule 101(A) provides: "A convicted person may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term up to and including the remainder of his life."

Background

On 7 May 1997, Trial Chamber II of the ICTY found Dusko Tadic guilty of 11 counts. This same Trial Chamber will determine his sentence. It is composed of Judges Gabrielle Kirk McDonald (Presiding), Lal C. Vohrah and Sir Ninian Stephen.

Pursuant to an Order of 12 June 1997, the sentencing date is set for Monday 14 July 1997.

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