UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA



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PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

MILOŠEVIĆ Case ("Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina")

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

9th week of the Prosecution case.

On 25 November and 26 November 2002, the following witness was cross-examined by the Accused and one of the *amici curiae*:

• Protected witness C061

BRÐANIN Case ("Krajina")

Trial Chamber II Section A – Judges Agius (Presiding), Janů and Taya

24th week of the Prosecution case.

From 25 to 29 November to 15 November 2002, the following witnesses were examined by the Prosecution and subsequently cross-examined by the Defence:

- Protected witness BT27
- Witness Mevludin Sejmenovic

STAKIĆ Case ("Prijedor")

Trial Chamber II Section III – Judges Schomburg (Presiding), Vassylenko and Argibay

On 25 November 2002, the parties appeared before the Pre-Trial Judge for a Status Conference.

SIMIĆ et al. Case ("Bosanski Šamac")

Trial Chamber II Section B – Judges Mumba (Presiding), Williams and Lindholm

23rd week of the Defence case.

From 25 November to 29 November 2002, the following witnesses were examined by the Defence and subsequently cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Witness Mirko Lukic
- Witness Simoen Simic

GALIĆ Case ("Sarajevo")

Trial Chamber I Section B – Judges Orie (Presiding), El Mahdi and Nieto-Navia

8th week of the Defence case.

From 25 November to 29 November 2002, the following witnesses were examined by the Defence and subsequently cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Protected witness DP23
- Protected witness DP50
- Protected witness DP19
- Protected witness DP18

KRSTIĆ Case ("Srebrenica")

Pre-Appeal Judge Hunt

On 25 November 2002, the parties appeared before the Pre-Trial Judge for a Status Conference pursuant to Rule 65 *bis* (B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

BLAGOJEVIĆ et al. Case ("Srebrenica")

Pre-Trial Judge Schomburg

On 27 November 2002, the parties appeared before the Pre-Trial Judge for a Status Conference pursuant to Rule 65 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

KRNOJELAC Case ("Foca")

Pre-Appeal Judge Meron

On 27 November 2002, the parties appeared before the Pre-Appeal Judge for a Status Conference pursuant to Rule 65 *bis* (B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

Vasiljević Case ("Visegrad")

Trial Chamber II, Section A – Judges Hunt (Presiding), Janu and Taya

On 29 November 2002, the Trial Chamber rendered its judgement. Sentencing Mitar Vasiljević to 20 years' imprisonment, the Trial Chamber found that the Accused "incurred individual criminal responsibility for the crime of persecution as a crime against humanity in relation to the murder of five men and the inhumane acts against the two survivors".

On the other hand the Trial Chamber acquitted the Accused of the other counts charged against him (i.e. extermination, violence to life and person), the evidences of those charges being considered insufficient.

See Press release No.713

II. OVERVIEW OF SELECTED COURT DOCUMENTS:

MEAKIĆ et al. Case ("Omarska Camp and Keraterm Camp")

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

DECISION ON THE CONSOLIDATED INDICTMENT

On 21 November 2002, the Trial Chamber ordered that the Consolidated Indictment against the accused as attached to the Prosecution Motion for Joinder of Accused filed on 5 July 2002 shall be the operative indictment in this case, that the accused will each have a further period of thirty days, from the date of

this Decision, in which to file preliminary motion, and that the accused Momčilo Gruban et Duško Knežević shall enter a plea to the new charges on 10 December 2002.

MILOŠEVIĆ Case ("Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina")

Trial Chamber III – Judge May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

ORDER APPOINTING AMICUS CURIAE

On 22 November 2002, the Trial Chamber designated Mr. Timothy McCormack of Melbourne, Australia, to appear before it as *amicus curiae*, to assist the Trial Chamber by (a) making written submissions on, and appearing before it to address, questions of international law as and when requested by the Trial Chamber; and (b) drawing to the attention of the Trial Chamber relevant issues of international law. It directed the Registrar to provide Mr. McCormack with all such material as is or has been provided to the accused.

ČESIĆ Case ("Brcko")

Pre-trial Judge Orie

ORDER SCHEDULING A STATUS CONFERENCE

On 22 November 2002, Pre-trial Judge Orie ordered that a status conference take place on Friday 6 December 2002 in Courtroom 3 at 8:30 AM.

KRAJIŠNIK & PLAVŠIĆ Case ("Bosnia and Herzegovina")

Trial Chamber III – Judge May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

SCHEDULING ORDER

On 25 November 2002, the Trial Chamber, *inter alia*, ordered that the trial of Krajišnik be severed from the sentencing proceeding for the accused Plavšic and requested that the President of the International Tribunal assign the trial of Krajišnik to another Trial Chamber or section.

ORDER GRANTING JOINT REQUESTS AND REQUEST TO SUPPLEMENT SENTENCING BRIEFS

On 28 November 2002, the Trial Chamber granted a "Joint Request to File Sentencing Briefs on 25 November 2002" filed jointly on 22 November 2002 by the Office of the Prosecutor and Counsel for the accused Biljana Plavšic, a confidential *ex parte* "Joint Request for Additional Time for Sentencing Hearing" both filed on 25 November 2002 and a confidential *ex parte* "Request by Biljana Plavšic to Supplement her Sentencing Brief" filed on 25 November 2002. It ordered, *inter alia*, that it will sit from 9:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Monday and Tuesday 16 and 17 December and will hear closing arguments from the parties from 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday 18 December 2002.

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