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UNITED NATIONS

International Tribunal for the

Prosecution of Persons

Responsible for Serious Violations of

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Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Case No.

IT-06-90-A

Date:

7 July 2011

Original:

English

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Theodor Meron, Pre-Appeal Judge

Registrar:

Mr. John Hocking

Order of:

7 July 2011

PROSECUTOR

v.

ANTE GOTOVINA MLADEN MARKAČ

PUBLIC

ORDER AMENDING TIME LIMITS FOR ANY MOTION REPLYING TO THE "PROSECUTION RESPONSE TO GOTOVINA'S APPLICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 54 *BIS*"

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I, THEODOR MERON, Judge of the Appeals 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 ("Appeals Chamber" and "Tribunal", respectively), and Pre-Appeal Judge in this case;¹

BEING SEISED of "Ante Gotovina's Motion to Strike 'Prosecution Response to Gotovina's Application Pursuant to Rule 54 *bis*" filed by Ante Gotovina ("Gotovina") on 7 July 2011 ("Motion");²

NOTING that the Motion claims that the "Prosecution Response to Gotovina's Application Pursuant to Rule 54 *bis*" was filed on 6 July 2011, outside the relevant time limits, and asks that the Response be struck or, alternatively, that Gotovina be granted four days to file his reply, running from the date of any relevant order by the Appeals Chamber accepting the Response to reply;⁴

NOTING that due to a clerical error, the Motion was not distributed to Gotovina and his counsel;

CONSIDERING that the clerical error should not result in any prejudice to Gotovina;

CONSIDERING Rules 54 and 107 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

GRANT the Motion in part;

ORDER Gotovina to file any reply to the Response within four days of the present order; and **OTHERWISE DENY** the Motion.

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¹ Prosecutor v. Ante Gotovina and Mladen Markač, Case No. IT-06-90-A, Order Designating a Pre-Appeal Judge, 30 May 2011.

² This order has been issued without awaiting a response from the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") in view of the lack of prejudice to it and the urgency of clarifying the deadlines faced by Gotovina.

³ Filed confidentially by the Prosecution on 4 July 2011 ("Response"). A public redacted version was filed on 6 July 2011

⁴ Motion, paras 5, 6.

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

Done this 7th day of July 2011, at The Hague, The Netherlands.

Judge Theodor Meron Pre-Appeal Judge

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