IT-95-5/18-T D36927 - D36925 02 July 2010

36927

TR



UNITED

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-95-5/18-T

Date: 2 July 2010

Original: English

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Judge O-Gon Kwon, Presiding Judge

> **Judge Howard Morrison** Judge Melville Baird

Judge Flavia Lattanzi, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Order of: 2 July 2010

PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

ORDER TO THE REGISTRY IN RELATION TO ACCUSED'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE OF DEFENCE EXPERT IN THE COURTROOM

Office of the Prosecutor

Mr. Alan Tieger

Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

The Accused **Standby Counsel**

Mr. Radovan Karadžić Mr. Richard Harvey **THIS TRIAL 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");

NOTING that on 28 June 2010, the Accused filed a request for permission for his weapons expert, Zorica Subotić, to be present in the courtroom during the testimony of Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") witness Ekrem Suljević ("Request"), in which he submits that, despite not being an expert witness, Ekrem Suljević will testify to a number of technical matters including the direction of fire and modified air bombs, and that the presence of Ms. Subotić is necessary to ensure the Accused's adequate cross-examination of the witness;²

NOTING that on 29 June 2010, the Prosecution filed its response, stating that it did not oppose the Request in light of the fact that parts of Ekrem Suljević's evidence will concern technical matters related to ballistics and explosives;³

NOTING that on 30 June 2010, the Chamber granted the Request;⁴

CONSIDERING that, as the Registry is meeting the costs of the Accused's defence, the Accused is unable to pay the costs related to Ms. Subotić's travel to The Hague and her attendance of the courtroom proceedings;

CONSIDERING that the Tribunal's Office of Legal Aid and Detention Matters ("OLAD") has determined that Ms. Subotić's presence in the courtroom does not fall strictly within the scope of her assignment as a defence expert;⁵

CONSIDERING, however, that the presence of Ms. Subotić in the courtroom during the testimony of Ekrem Suljević will assist both the Accused and the Chamber, most particularly in ensuring that the Accused's cross-examination of this witnesses is efficient and effective;

CONSIDERING, therefore, that it is in the interests of justice for the Registrar to provide the funding necessary to ensure that Ms. Subotić may be present in the courtroom for the testimony of Ekrem Suljević;

Request to Have Assistance of Defence Expert in Courtroom for Testimony of Ekrem Suljević, 28 June 2010.

² Request, paras. 2-3.

Prosecution's Response to Accused's Request to Have Assistance of Defence Expert in the Courtroom for Testimony of Ekrem Suljević, 29 June 2010.

⁴ Hearing, T. 4402 (30 June 2010).

36925

CONSIDERING further that should the Accused make any further request or requests for

assistance of a particular designated defence expert to be present during the testimony of a

witness in order to assist the Accused with his cross-examination of that witness, and the

Chamber grants such a request or requests, it is in the interests of justice for the Registrar to

provide the funding necessary to ensure that the defence expert may be present in the courtroom

for the testimony of that witness;

PURSUANT to Rule 54 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence, HEREBY

ORDERS that:

a) The Registrar shall provide the funding necessary to ensure that Ms. Subotić may be

present in the courtroom for the testimony of Ekrem Suljević;

b) Should the Chamber grant any future request or requests for a particular designated

defence expert to be present during the testimony of a witness in order to assist the

Accused with his cross-examination of that witness, the Registrar shall provide the

funding necessary to ensure that the defence expert may be present in the courtroom for

the testimony of that witness.

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

Judge O-Gon Kwon

Presiding

Dated this second day of July 2010 At The Hague

The Netherlands

[Seal of the Tribunal]

⁵ Letter from OLAD to the Accused's Legal Advisor, Mr. Peter Robinson, 8 June 2010. See also Letter from OLAD to the Accused, 22 July 2009.