



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: 7 April 2014

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: 7 April 2014

PROSECUTOR

v.

RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ

PUBLIC

ORDER ON CLOSING ARGUMENTS

Office of the Prosecutor

Mr. Alan Tieger
Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

The Accused

Mr. Radovan Karadžić

Standby Counsel

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”);

BEING SEISED of the Accused’s “Submission on Duration of Closing Argument” filed on 28 March 2014 (“Accused’s Submission”) in which he requests 17 hours to present his closing arguments, noting that this is equivalent to the amount of time he has remaining for the presentation of his defence case,¹ and of the “Prosecution Submission on Time Required for Closing Argument” also filed by the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) on 28 March 2014 (“Prosecution Submission”), in which it requests nine hours for its closing arguments and an additional 90 minutes for rebuttal;²

NOTING Rule 86 of the Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), according to which after the presentation of all the evidence, both parties may present closing arguments as well as the respective rebuttal and rejoinder;

RECALLING that the Chamber ordered that the presentation of the closing arguments should start on 29 September 2014;³

CONSIDERING that the purpose of closing arguments is to address issues raised by the other party in its final brief and should not be used to repeat the arguments already discussed in the final brief;⁴

CONSIDERING that the Chamber has granted a substantial extension to the word limit for the parties’ final briefs by allowing them not to exceed 300,000 words each;⁵

CONSIDERING further that the Accused’s time remaining for the presentation of his defence case has no bearing on how much time he should require for his closing arguments;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

PURSUANT to Rule 54 and Rule 86 of the Rules,

¹ Accused Submission, p. 2.

² Prosecution Submission, p. 1.

³ Order on Filing of Final Trial Briefs, 21 March 2014 (“First Order”).

⁴ See *Prosecutor v. Popović et al.*, Case No. IT-05-88-T, Decision on Motion for Additional Time for the Presentation of Closing Arguments and Guidance Concerning Rebuttal and Rejoinder Arguments, 28 August 2009, p. 2.

⁵ First Order, p. 3.

ORDERS as follows:

- (i) The Prosecution and the Accused shall each have up to ten hours to present their closing arguments;
- (ii) The Prosecution and the Accused shall each have 1.5 hours to present their rebuttal and rejoinder arguments, respectively;
- (iii) The Chamber may pose questions to each of the parties at any time during the closing arguments and after the parties have completed their closing arguments; and
- (iv) The Chamber instructs that the sitting schedule for the presentation of the closing arguments shall be as follows:

From Monday, 29 September 2014 to Thursday, 2 October 2014

09:00 – 10:00	First session
10:00 – 10:20	Break
10:20 – 11:20	Second session
11:20 – 11:40	Break
11:40 – 12:40	Third session
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch break
13:40 – 14:40	Fourth session
14:40 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 16:00	Fifth session

Tuesday, 7 October 2014

09:00 – 10:30	Rebuttal
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Rejoinder
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	Chamber's questions, if any

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



Judge O-Gon Kwon
Presiding

Dated this seventh day of April 2014
At The Hague
The Netherlands

[Seal of the Tribunal]