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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-08-91-T  
Date: 27 April 2012  
Original: English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER II

**Before:** Judge Burton Hall, Presiding  
Judge Guy Delvoie  
Judge Frederik Harhoff

**Registrar:** Mr. John Hocking

**Decision of:** 27 April 2012

PROSECUTOR

v.

MIĆO STANIŠIĆ AND STOJAN ŽUPLJANIN

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**DECISION DENYING STANIŠIĆ DEFENCE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF WORD  
LIMIT FOR FINAL TRIAL BRIEF**

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**TRIAL CHAMBER II** (“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 “Stanišić Motion for extension to the word limit for the Stanišić final trial brief”, filed on 17 April 2012 (“Motion”);

**NOTING** that paragraph 4 of the Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions (“Practice Direction”)<sup>1</sup> provides that final trial briefs will not exceed 60,000 words;

**NOTING** that on 18 January 2012 the Trial Chamber having initially decided that the Stanišić Defence’s final trial brief shall not exceed 60,000 words,<sup>2</sup> increased this limit to 80,000 words after having considered the Stanišić Defence’s oral request to file a final trial brief of 100,000 words;<sup>3</sup>

**NOTING** that paragraph 7 of the Practice Direction requires the party seeking authorisation to exceed the relevant word limit to demonstrate to the Chamber exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing;

**CONSIDERING** that the Stanišić Defence has not put forward materially different reasons to the submissions made at the hearing of 18 January 2012 to support its request for a further 20,000 word increase to the word limit;

**RECALLING** that the Trial Chamber has already taken into account *inter alia* the complexity and the size of this case, the number of witnesses heard by the Trial Chamber, and the number of exhibits admitted into evidence when determining the authorised word limits for the final trial briefs of the parties;

**CONSIDERING** that Stanišić therefore has not established that there are exceptional circumstances that necessitate the filing of a final trial brief in excess of the currently authorised word limit of 80,000 words;

**PURSUANT TO** Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Practice Direction,

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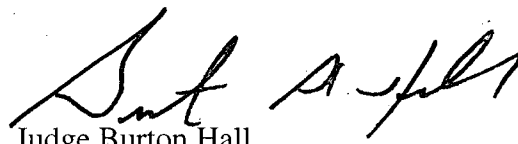
<sup>1</sup> IT/184/Rev. 2, 16 September 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Hearing, 18 January 2012, T. 26671-26672.

<sup>3</sup> Hearing, 18 January 2012, T. 26672-26673, 26687. *See also* Order on final trial briefs and closing arguments, 30 March 2012, p. 1.

**HEREBY DENIES** the Motion.

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



Judge Burton Hall

Presiding

Dated this 27th day of April 2012

At The Hague

The Netherlands

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