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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-02-60-ES  
Date: 4 December 2012  
Original: English

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL**

**Before: Judge Theodor Meron, President**  
**Registrar: Mr. John Hocking**  
**Decision of: 4 December 2012**

**PROSECUTOR**

**v.**

**VIDOJE BLAGOJEVIĆ**

***CONFIDENTIAL***

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**ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT  
ON THE EARLY RELEASE OF VIDOJE BLAGOJEVIĆ**

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**The Office of the Prosecutor**  
Mr. Serge Brammertz

**Counsel for Mr. Vidoje Blagojević**  
Mr. Vladimir Domazet

I, **THEODOR MERON**, President 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** the confidential "Decision of the President on the Early Release of Vidoje Blagojević", issued on 3 February 2012 ("Decision"), by which I granted Mr. Blagojević's request for early release effective 31 December 2012;

**NOTING** that Mr. Blagojević is currently incarcerated in Norway<sup>1</sup> and according to the Decision, is currently scheduled to be released on 31 December 2012;

**NOTING** the request from the Norwegian authorities that they be allowed to release Mr. Blagojević on 22 December 2012, due to logistical difficulties on their part in facilitating his release on 31 December 2012;

**CONSIDERING** that, under Article 28 of the Statute of the Tribunal, and Rules 124 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal, the President of the Tribunal is to determine matters relating to the early release of a person convicted by the Tribunal;

**CONSIDERING** that the Norwegian authorities are unable to facilitate the release of Mr. Blagojević on 31 December 2012, and have provided persuasive reasons to explain their difficulty;

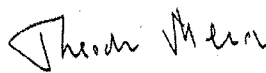
**FINDING** that it is in the interests of justice to grant the request of the Norwegian authorities;

**FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,**

**ORDER** that Blagojević be released on 22 December 2012.

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

Dated this 4th day of December 2012,  
at The Hague,  
The Netherlands.



Judge Theodor Meron  
President

[Seal of the Tribunal]

<sup>1</sup> See Order Designating the State in which Vidoje Blagojević is to Serve His Prison Sentence, 16 November 2007 (confidential and *ex parte*).