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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-98-32/1-T

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IN TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before:

Judge Patrick Robinson, Presiding

Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert

Judge Pedro David

Acting Registrar:

Mr. John Hocking

Decision of:

12 May 2009

PROSECUTOR

V.

MILAN LUKIĆ SREDOJE LUKIĆ

PUBLIC

DECISION ON MILAN LUKIĆ'S RENEWED BAR TABLE MOTION

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TRIAL CHAMBER III ("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 "Milan Lukić's renewed motion for admission of documents from the bar table", filed publicly on 8 May 2009 ("Motion"), in which the Defence of Milan Lukić ("Defence") requests admission into evidence of two documents, the military booklet of Milan Lukić and a "RFA response";

RECALLING that on 29 April 2009 the Trial Chamber dismissed the Defence request for admission of the military booklet of Milan Lukić, without prejudice to the Defence submitting the complete original and a complete translation into a working language of the Tribunal by 8 May 2009;¹

NOTING that a complete translation of the military booklet of Milan Lukić is attached in Annex A to the Motion;

RECALLING that on 5 May 2009 the Trial Chamber dismissed the Defence request for admission into evidence of the RFA response, without prejudice to the Defence providing a translation into a working language of the Tribunal by 4 p.m. on 11 May 2009;²

RECALLING that in its initial request for admission of the RFA response ("Previous Motion") the Defence submitted that the RFA response from the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina was attached in Annex A to the Previous Motion and that it is relevant as it "indicates 2 named victims from Varda who are not registered in the records of Višegrad, which raises the possibility that they never existed":³

NOTING that Annex B to the Motion contains the same seven-page document, which was attached in Annex A to the Previous Motion, including a translation of that document;

CONSIDERING that the document is a judgement from the First Municipal Court in Belgrade, partially granting a request for non-material damage submitted by Milan Lukić, and that the document does not mention persons listed as victims of the Varda incident in the indictment;

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¹ Decision on Milan Lukić's second and third bar table motions, 29 April 2009, p. 8.

² Decision on Milan Lukić's fourth bar table motion, 5 May 2009, p. 7.

³ Milan Lukic's fourth motion to admit documents from the bar table", filed publicly on 24 April 2009, para. 8. See also Motion, para. 3.

CONSIDERING that the seven-page document attached in Annex B to the Motion is, therefore, not the RFA response which the Defence requests to have admitted into evidence;

PURSUANT to Rule 89(C) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;

GRANTS the Motion **IN PART**, by majority, Judge Robinson dissenting with regard to the RFA response;

ADMITS into evidence the military booklet of Milan Lukić; and

DENIES by majority, Judge Robinson dissenting, the request for admission of the RFA response.

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

Judge Patrick Robinson

Presiding

Dated this twelfth day of May 2009

At The Hague

The Netherlands

[Seal of the Tribunal]

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