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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 Nos.: IT-05-88-A IT-95-5/18-T

11-75-5/10-1

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### **IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER**

Before: Judge Patrick Robinson, Pre-Appeal Judge

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

**Order of:** 18 July 2013

**PROSECUTOR** 

v.

VUJADIN POPOVIĆ LJUBIŠA BEARA DRAGO NIKOLIĆ RADIVOJE MILETIĆ VINKO PANDUREVIĆ

#### **PUBLIC**

ORDER RELATING TO RADOVAN KARADŽIĆ'S MOTION TO RESCIND PROTECTIVE MEASURES: WITNESS MILOMIR SAVČIĆ

## **The Office of the Prosecutor:**

**Applicant:** 

Mr. Peter Kremer QC Mr. Radovan Karadžić pro se

Mr. Alan Tieger

Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff

## **Counsel for Appellants:**

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Mr. John Ostojić for Ljubiša Beara

Ms. Jelena Nikolić and Mr. Stéphane Bourgon for Drago Nikolić

Ms. Natacha Fauveau Ivanović and Mr. Nenad Petrušić for Radivoje Miletić

Mr. Peter Haynes and Mr. Simon Davis for Vinko Pandurević

**I, PATRICK ROBINSON,** Judge of the Appeals 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"), and Pre-Appeal Judge in the *Popović et al.* case;<sup>1</sup>

**BEING SEISED OF** the "Motion to Rescind Protective Measures: Witness Milomir Savcic [sic]", filed publicly by Radovan Karadžić ("Karadžić") on 17 July 2013 ("Motion");

**NOTING** that in the Motion, Karadžić requests that the Appeals Chamber rescind the protective measures granted by Trial Chamber II of the Tribunal in the *Popović et al.* case ("Trial Chamber") to Witness Milomir Savčić ("Witness"), on the basis that the Witness no longer desires the protective measures to continue in the *Karadžić* case;<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING** that the Trial Chamber granted the protective measure of image distortion to the Witness in an oral decision on 11 September 2007;<sup>3</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that pursuant to Rule 75(F)(i) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal ("Rules"), protective measures that have been ordered in respect of a witness in any proceedings before the Tribunal (the "first proceedings") shall continue to have effect *mutatis mutandis* in any other proceedings before the Tribunal (the "second proceedings") unless and until they are rescinded, varied or augmented;

**CONSIDERING** that pursuant to Rule 75(G)(i) of the Rules, a party to the second proceedings seeking to rescind, vary, or augment protective measures ordered in the first proceedings must apply to any chamber remaining seised of the first proceedings;

**RECALLING** that when the Appeals Chamber becomes seised of an appeal against a trial judgement, it becomes the chamber "seised of the first proceedings" within the meaning of Rule 75(G)(i) of the Rules;<sup>4</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that the Appeals Chamber is currently seised of the *Popović et al.* case;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prosecutor v. Vujadin Popović et al., Case No. IT-05-88-A, Order Assigning Judges to a Case Before the Appeals Chamber, 24 June 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Motion, paras 1-2. Although the Prosecution and the Defendants in the *Popović et al.* case herein, namely, Vujadin Popović, Ljubiša Beara, Drago Nikolić, Radivoje Miletić and Vinko Pandurević, have not yet filed responses to the Motion, I find that they will suffer no prejudice from the issuance of this Order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Prosecutor v. Popović et al., Case No. IT-05-88-T, T. 15223-15225 (closed session) (11 September 2007). See Motion, fn. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Decision on the Prosecution's Urgent Motion to Rescind Protective Measures for Witness, 7 February 2012, p. 2 and reference cited therein.

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CONSIDERING that pursuant to Rule 75(J) of the Rules, the Appeals Chamber shall ensure

through the Victims and Witnesses Section of the Tribunal ("VWS") that the protected witness has

given consent to the rescission, variation or augmentation of his/her protective measures;

FINDING it therefore necessary to consult with the Witness through the VWS in order to

determine whether the Witness consents to the rescission of the protective measure of image

distortion currently in place for the Witness, in relation to the *Karadžić* case;

FINDING further that it is appropriate for VWS to inform the Witness of the implications of

rescinding his protective measure of image distortion;

**PURSUANT** to Rules 54, 75 and 107 of the Rules, and for the foregoing reasons,

**INSTRUCT** the VWS to:

(1) consult with the Witness for the purpose of determining whether he consents to the

rescission of his protective measure of image distortion in the Karadžić case, and to inform

the Witness of the implications of rescinding this protective measure; and

(2) report as soon as practicable to the Appeals Chamber on the outcome of its consultation.

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

Dated this eighteenth day of July 2013,

At The Hague,

The Netherlands.

Judge Patrick Robinson

Pre-Appeal Judge

[Seal of the Tribunal]

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