UNITED NATIONS IT-04-74-T D7 - 1/48646 BIS 27 March 2009

7/48646 BIS

SF



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-04-74-T

Date:

10 March 2009

ENGLISH

Original:

French

IN TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before:

Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti, presiding

Judge Árpád Prandler Judge Stefan Trechsel

Reserve Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Acting Registrar:

Mr John Hocking

Order of:

10 March 2009

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

Jadranko PRLIĆ Bruno STOJIĆ Slobodan PRALJAK Milivoj PETKOVIĆ Valentin ĆORIĆ Berislav PUŠIĆ

PUBLIC

ORDER ADMITTING EVIDENCE RELATED TO WITNESS STIPO BULJAN

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr Kenneth Scott

Mr Douglas Stringer

Counsel for the Accused:

Mr Michael Karnavas and Ms Suzana Tomanović for Jadranko Prlić

Ms Senka Nožica and Mr Karim A. A. Khan for Bruno Stojić

Mr Božidar Kovačić and Ms Nika Pinter for Slobodan Praljak

Ms Vesna Alaburić and Mr Nicholas Stewart for Milivoj Petković

Ms Dijana Tomašegović-Tomić and Mr Dražen Plavec for Valentin Ćorić

Mr Fahrudin Ibrišimović and Mr Roger Sahota for Berislav Pušić

TRIAL CHAMBER III ("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"),

CONSIDERING that Counsel for the Accused Stojić ("Stojić Defence"), Counsel for Defence"), Counsel for the Accused Petković the Accused Praljak ("Praljak ("Petković Defence"), and the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") requested the admission of 33 exhibits, 1 exhibit, 2 exhibits and 14 exhibit, respectively, related to the testimony of Witness Stipo Buljan ("Proposed Exhibit(s)") who appeared before the Chamber from 11 to 12 February 2009,

CONSIDERING that Chamber has examined the objections formulated by the Stojić Defence to the admission of Proposed Exhibits from the Prosecution,⁵

CONSIDERING that the Chamber has also examined the objections formulated by the Prosecution to a number of Proposed Exhibits from the Stojić Defence⁶ and to the Response by the Stojić Defence,⁷

CONSIDERING that the Chamber has examined each of the Proposed Exhibits on the basis of the admissibility criteria defined in the Decision on Admission of Evidence, rendered by the Chamber on 13 July 2006 ("Decision of 13 July 2006"), and in the Decision Adopting Guidelines for the Presentation of Defence Evidence, rendered by the Chamber on 24 April 2008 ("Decision of 24 April 2008").8

⁸ Guideline 8 regarding the Admission of Documentary Evidence through a Witness.

IC 00921.

IC 00922.

IC 00923.

IC 00924.

⁶ "Prosecution Response to the Bruno Stojić Request for Admission of Exhibit Tendered through Witness Stipo Buljan", 17 February 2009.

⁷ "Bruno Stojić's Response to Prosecution's Objection to the Request for Admission of Exhibits Tendered through Witness Stipo Buljan", 19 February 2009 ("Response by the Stojić Defence").

CONSIDERING that the Chamber notes that Proposed Exhibits 2D 00567, 2D 01370, P 02945 and P 07419 have already been admitted by the Chamber⁹ and that the request is therefore moot in their regard,

CONSIDERING that the Chamber finds that the Proposed Exhibits from the Stojić Defence bearing numbers 2D 00604 to 2D 00624 are in fact documents relating to the HVO soldiers wounded or killed in the municipalities of Posavina as well as in the municipalities of Bihać and Tuzla, ¹⁰

CONSIDERING that the Chamber notes that the Proposed Exhibits were produced by an administration of the Posavina canton¹¹ in March 2008 at the request of Stipo Buljan and for the purpose of his testimony, that they do not give the dates when the persons were killed or wounded, and that the Stojić Defence had not established at any point the link between these Proposed Exhibits and the Amended Indictment of 11 June 2008,

CONSIDERING that, for these reasons, the Chamber considers that the Proposed Exhibits do not present sufficient indicia of reliability, probative value and relevance, and decides not to admit the Proposed Exhibits bearing numbers 2D 00604 to 2D 00624,

CONSIDERING that the Chamber decides to admit into evidence the Proposed Exhibits indicated "Admitted" in the Annex attached to this Decision as they were put to Witness Stipo Buljan and present sufficient indicia of relevance, probative value and reliability,

CONSIDERING that the Chamber decides not to admit into evidence the Proposed Exhibits indicated "Not Admitted" in the Annex attached to this Decision as they do not conform to the instructions laid out in the Decisions of 13 July 2006 and 24 April 2008 for the reasons given in the Annex attached to this Decision,

-

⁹ Order Admitting Evidence Related to Witness Davor Marijan, 25 February 2009 and Order to Admit Evidence Related to Witness Slobodan Božić, 6 March 2009.

¹⁰ Hearing of 11 February 2009, French transcript, pp. 36759 and 36760.

¹¹ "Administration for Issues of HVO Soldiers and Victims from Croatian War of Independence", Posavina canton, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

4/48646 BIS

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

PURSUANT TO Rules 54 and 89 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence,

GRANTS the request for admission of the Praljak Defence,

PARTIALLY GRANTS the requests for admission of the Stojić Defence and the Petković Defence,

DECIDES that there is cause to admit into evidence the Proposed Exhibits indicated "Admitted" in the Annex attached to this Decision,

DECLARES MOOT the requests for admission of the Proposed Exhibits 2D 00567, 2D 01370, P 02945 and P 07419,

AND

DENIES in all other respects the requests for admission of Proposed Exhibits of the Stojić Defence, the Petković Defence and the Prosecution for the reasons stated in the Annex attached to this Decision.

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

/signed/___

Jean-Claude Antonetti

Presiding Judge

Done this tenth day of March 2009 At The Hague The Netherlands

[Seal of the Tribunal]

Annex

| Exhibit Number (Preferably in Numerical Order) | Party Proposing Admission of Exhibits | Admitted/Not Admitted/ Marked for Identification (MFI) |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| 2D 00567 | Stojić Defence and Petković Defence | Moot (Reason: already admitted by Order Admitting Evidence related to Witness Slobodan Božić of 6 March 2009) |
| 2D 00604 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00605 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00606 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00607 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00608 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00609 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00610 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00611 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00612 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00613 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient reliability, probative value and relevance) |

| 2D 00614 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document does not present sufficient |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | reliability, probative value and relevance) |
| 2D 00615 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| | 3 | does not present sufficient |
| | | reliability, probative value |
| | | and relevance) |
| 2D 00616 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| | | does not present sufficient |
| | | reliability, probative value |
| | | and relevance) |
| 2D 00617 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| | | does not present sufficient |
| | | reliability, probative value |
| | | and relevance) |
| 2D 00618 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| | | does not present sufficient |
| | | reliability, probative value |
| OD 00/10 | | and relevance) |
| 2D 00619 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| | | does not present sufficient |
| | | reliability, probative value |
| 2D 00/ 2 0 | | and relevance) |
| 2D 00620 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| | | does not present sufficient |
| | | reliability, probative value |
| 2D 00(21 | St. ".(D. f. | and relevance) |
| 2D 00621 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| | | does not present sufficient reliability, probative value |
| | | and relevance) |
| 2D 00622 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| 2D 00022 | Stojie Defence | does not present sufficient |
| | | reliability, probative value |
| | | and relevance) |
| 2D 00624 | Stojić Defence | Not Admitted (the document |
| | 210521 2 020120 | does not present sufficient |
| | | reliability, probative value |
| | | and relevance) |
| 2D 00625 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |
| 2D 00626 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |
| 2D 00627 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |
| 2D 00628 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |
| 2D 00629 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |
| 2D 00749 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |
| 2D 01245 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |
| 2D 01246 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |

| 2D 01247 | Stojić Defence | Admitted |
|----------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 2D 01370 | Stojić Defence | Moot (Reason: already |
| | | admitted by Order Admitting |
| | | Evidence related to Witness |
| | | Davor Marijan of 25 |
| | | February 2009) |
| P 02945 | Stojić Defence | Moot (Reason: already |
| | | admitted by Order Admitting |
| | | Evidence related to Witness |
| | | Davor Marijan of 25 |
| | | February 2009) |
| P 03355 | Petković Defence | Partially Admitted (Page 11 |
| | | of the BCS version and page |
| | | 20 of the English version) |
| P 07419 | Stojić Defence | Moot (Reason: pages 1 to 7 |
| | | of the translation under |
| | | number L002-9414 were |
| | | already admitted by the |
| | | Order Admitting Evidence |
| | | related to Witness Slobodan |
| 7.10010 | | Božić of 6 March 2009) |
| P 10810 | Prosecution | Not Admitted (Reason: the |
| | | pages for which admission is |
| | | sought have not been |
| | | indicated) |
| IC 00917 | Praljak Defence | Admitted |