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#### **IN TRIAL CHAMBER III**

**Before:** Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti, presiding Judge Frederik Harhoff Judge Flavia Lattanzi

**Registrar: Mr Hans Holthuis** 

**Order of:** 17 June 2008

UNITED

### THE PROSECUTOR

v.

**VOJISLAV ŠEŠELJ** 

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## **ORDER REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF VIDEOS BY THE PROSECUTION TO THE ACCUSED**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Ms Christine Dahl Mr Daryl Mundis

#### The Accused:

Mr Vojislav Šešelj

**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");

**NOTING** the application made by the Accused during the hearing of 20 March 2008 requesting disclosure of all the video recordings in the custody of the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution");<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** the oral application presented during the hearing of 12 June 2008 by the Prosecution ("Application") which, after transferring these 6,000 hours of video recordings onto 12 hard disks, requested the Chamber to order as follows, before any disclosure to the Accused may be made: (i) that the Accused return all of the hard disks at the end of this case; (ii) that the Accused not copy these video recordings, and (iii) that the Accused not disclose these videos to anyone other than his associates who have signed a confidentiality agreement with the Registry;<sup>2</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that the Prosecution raises the issue of copyright which may come into play should this disclosure be made;<sup>3</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that some questions must be answered before the Chamber can state its position, specifically:

- According to the Prosecution, why has this issue arisen only now, whereas the Tribunal has been operating since 1994?
- (ii) According to the Prosecution, what is the difference between the video recordings which are the subject of the Application and all the others that have been disclosed to the Accused, and why has the Prosecution not raised the issue of copyright before?
- (iii) According to the Prosecution, do all of the video recordings pose problems and, if so, at which level?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hearing of 20 March 2008, Transcript in French ("T(F)") 5151.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hearing of 12 June 2008, T(F) 8141-8142; *see* also *Id.*, T(F) 8148, specifying that for the Prosecution, only the associates who have signed a confidentiality agreement with the Registry of the Tribunal should have access to these video recordings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Hearing of 12 June 2008, T(F) 8142.

- (iv) Which measures would the Prosecution like the Chamber to adopt in order to protect the "owner" of the video recordings in terms of copyright, while guaranteeing that the Accused has access to certain prosecution or defence evidence in the custody of the Prosecution?
- (v) According to the Prosecution, which provisions have been implemented in this respect in other trials?
- (vi) According to the Prosecution, have written agreements for the broadcast of these video recordings been provided to the Prosecution and, if so, may the Prosecution disclose them to the Chamber?

#### FOR THESE REASONS

#### IN ACCORDANCE with Rule 54 of the Rules

#### **ORDERS** that

- the Prosecution answer the questions set out above and provide the Chamber with any other information that it might consider useful, within seven days of the date of this order;
- (ii) the Accused respond to the Prosecution's submissions within seven days of the date of receipt of their translation into a language he understands.

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

/signed/

Jean-Claude Antonetti Presiding Judge

Done this seventeenth day of June 2008 At The Hague The Netherlands

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