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TÉLÉPHONE: 31 70 512-5000
FAX: 31 70 512-8637**Case No. IT-03-69-T*****The Prosecutor v. Jovica Stanišić*****PUBLIC****DECISION****THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR,**

NOTING the Statute of the Tribunal as adopted by the Security Council under Resolution 827 (1993), and in particular Article 21 thereof;

NOTING the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as adopted by the Tribunal on 11 February 1994, as subsequently amended ("Rules"), and in particular Rules 44 and 45 thereof;

NOTING the Directive on the Assignment of Defence Counsel as adopted by the Tribunal on 28 July 1994, as subsequently amended ("Directive"), and in particular Articles 16 and 20 thereof;

NOTING the Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel Appearing Before the International Tribunal (IT/125 REV.3) ("Code of Conduct");

CONSIDERING that on 11 June 2003 Mr. Jovica Stanišić ("Accused") was transferred to the seat of the Tribunal, and that on 12 June 2003 he requested the assignment of Tribunal-paid counsel on the basis that he did not have sufficient means to remunerate counsel;

CONSIDERING that on 18 July 2003 the Registrar assigned Mr. Vladan Vukčević, attorney at law from Belgrade, Serbia, as lead counsel to the accused for a period of 120 days, to ensure that the Accused's right to counsel was not affected while the Registry examined his ability to remunerate counsel;

CONSIDERING that Mr. Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops, attorney at law from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, was assigned as temporary co-counsel to the Accused on 17 September 2003;

CONSIDERING that on 23 October 2003, the Deputy Registrar issued a decision i) withdrawing the assignment of Mr. Vukčević as lead counsel, and ii) assigning Mr. Knoops as lead counsel to the Accused temporarily, pending verification of the means of the Accused;

CONSIDERING that on 11 May 2004, the Deputy Registrar issued a decision i) extending the temporary assignment of Mr. Knoops, and ii) assigning Mr. Wayne Jordash, Attorney at Law from London, United Kingdom, as co-counsel to Mr. Knoops for a period of 30 days;

CONSIDERING that on 29 June 2004 the Registrar issued a decision i) determining that the Accused was able to remunerate counsel in part, and ii) confirming the assignment of Mr. Knoops as permanent lead counsel to the Accused and Mr. Jordash as co-counsel to Mr. Knoops, effective as of 11 June 2004;

CONSIDERING that on 17 July 2006 the Registrar issued a decision i) revising the determination on the extent to which the Accused is able to remunerate counsel, and ii) confirming the assignment of Messrs Knoops and Jordash;

CONSIDERING that on 13 September 2010 Mr. Knoops submitted a request to the Registrar to be withdrawn as lead counsel to the Accused pursuant to Article 20 (A) (i) of the Directive, and proposing that Mr. Jordash be re-assigned as lead counsel to the Accused, and that Mr. Knoops be re-assigned as a legal consultant to Mr. Jordash;

CONSIDERING that on 14 September 2010 the Accused submitted a written request for the withdrawal of Mr. Knoop's assignment as lead counsel, and for Mr. Jordash to be assigned as his replacement lead counsel;

CONSIDERING that the Registrar requested Mr. Knoops and Mr. Jordash to provide additional information in relation to the requests for withdrawal;

NOTING Article 20(A) (i) of the Directive, which provides that in the interests of justice, the Registrar may withdraw the assignment of counsel at the request of the Accused or counsel;

CONSIDERING that Mr. Jordash has confirmed his willingness to be assigned as lead counsel to the Accused;

FINDING that the interests of justice would be served in allowing the replacement of lead counsel under these circumstances;

FINDING that the interests of justice would be served in re-assigning Mr. Knoops as Co-counsel for a temporary period pending the withdrawal of his assignment as counsel;

HEREBY DECIDES pursuant to Article 20 (A) of the Directive:

- 1) to withdraw the assignment of Mr. Knoops and to assign Mr. Wayne Jordash as lead counsel to the Accused Jovica Stanišić, effective as of the date of this decision; and
- 2) to assign Mr. Knoops as Co-counsel to Mr. Jordash, effective as of the date of this decision.



Ken Roberts
Deputy Registrar

Dated this 23rd day of November 2010

At The Hague,

The Netherlands.