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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-08-91-T
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IN TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Burton Hall, Presiding
Judge Guy Delvoie
Judge Frederik Harhoff

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

Decision of: 1 May 2012

PROSECUTOR

v.

MIĆO STANIŠIĆ AND STOJAN ŽUPLJANIN

PUBLIC

**DECISION DENYING PROSECUTION MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF WORD
LIMIT FOR FINAL TRIAL BRIEF**

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TRIAL CHAMBER II (“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 the “Prosecution Motion for variation of the word limit for its final trial brief”, filed on 26 April 2012 (“Motion”);

NOTING that paragraph 4 of the Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions (“Practice Direction”)¹ provides that final trial briefs will not exceed 60,000 words;

NOTING that on 18 January 2012 the Trial Chamber having initially decided that the Prosecution’s final trial brief shall not exceed 100,000 words,² increased this limit to 120,000 words after having considered the Prosecution’s oral request to file a final trial brief of 175,000 words;³

NOTING that paragraph 7 of the Practice Direction requires the party seeking authorisation to exceed the relevant word limit to demonstrate to the Chamber exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing;

RECALLING that the Trial Chamber has already taken into account *inter alia* the complexity and the size of this case, the number of witnesses heard by the Trial Chamber, and the number of exhibits admitted into evidence when determining the authorised word limits for the final trial briefs of the parties;

CONSIDERING that the Prosecution therefore has not established that there are exceptional circumstances that necessitate the filing of a final trial brief in excess of the currently authorised word limit of 120,000 words;

PURSUANT TO Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Practice Direction,

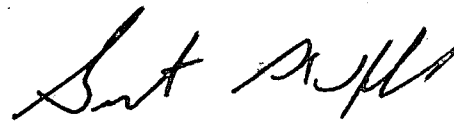
¹ IT/184/Rev. 2, 16 September 2005.

² Hearing, 18 January 2012, T. 26671-26672.

³ Hearing, 18 January 2012, T. 26672, 26687. *See also* Order on final trial briefs and closing arguments, 30 March 2012, p. 1.

HEREBY DENIES the Motion.

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



Judge Burton Hall
Presiding

Dated this 1st day of May 2012

At The Hague

The Netherlands

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