## THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

**Before: President Gabrielle Kirk McDonald** 

Registrar: Dorothee de Sampayo Garrido-Nijgh

**Decision of: 14 April 1998** 

**The Prosecutor** 

v.

Zeljko Meakic Miroslav Kvocka **Dragoljub Prcac** Mladen Radic a/k/a "Krkan" Milojica Kos a/k/a ''Krle'' Momcilo Gruban a/k/a "Ckalja" Zdravko Govedarica Gruban Predrag Kostic a/k/a "Kole" Nedeljko Paspalj Milan Pavlic **Milutin Popovic** Drazenko Predojevic Zeljko Savic Mirko Babic Nikica Janiic Dusan Knezevic a/k/a "Duca" Dragomir Saponja Zoran Zigic a/k/a "Ziga"

## ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT AUTHORISING A TRIAL CHAMBER TO CONDUCT A MATTER IN THE ABSENCE OF TWO OF ITS MEMBERS

## **Office of the Prosecutor:**

Michael Keegan

I, Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia,

NOTING the transfer of the accused, Miroslav Kvocka and Mladen Radic, to the International Tribunal on 9 April 1998,

NOTING my Decision on that same date, assigning Case No. IT-95-14-I, *The Prosecutor v. Meakic et al.*, to Trial Chamber I, composed of Judge Claude Jorda (Presiding), Judge Fouad Abdel-Monem Riad and Judge Almiro Simôes Rodrigues,

CONSIDERING that upon the transfer of the accused to the seat of the Tribunal and the assignment of the case to a Trial Chamber, the accused shall be brought before that Trial Chamber for his initial appearance without delay,

NOTING that Judges Claude Jorda and Fouad Abdel-Monem Riad are presently absent from the seat of the International Tribunal,

CONSIDERING Rule 15 (E) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal, which vests in me the power to authorise, in case of illness or an unfilled vacancy or any other exceptional circumstances, a Chamber to conduct routine matters in the absence of one or more members of that Chamber,

HEREBY DECIDE that an initial appearance under Rule 62 constitutes a routine matter,

FURTHER DECIDE that the present matter constitutes an exceptional circumstance,

FURTHER DECIDE, pursuant to Rule 15 (E), to authorise Trial Chamber I, composed of Judge Almiro Simôes Rodrigues, to conduct the initial appearance of Miroslav Kvocka and Mladen Radic.

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

Gabrielle Kirk McDonald

President

Dated this 14th day of April 1998

At The Hague

The Netherlands

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