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DISTRICT COURT IN BELGRADE
WAR CRIMES CHAMBER

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In this Court's case No. K.V. 6/2005, the verdicts rendered in relation to defendants Slobodan MEDIĆ, Pero PETRAŠEVIĆ and Aleksandar VUKOV have become final, whereas that pronounced to the fourth defendant, Aleksandar MEDIĆ, has been revoked, and due to be reconsidered within a renewed trial proceeding.

In view of the fact that the enacting terms of our indictment Ref. KTRZ 3/05 of 7 October 2005 – which was subsequently modified by the Prosecution's act rendered on 9 October 2006 and registered under the same number – contained a unified description in relation to all of the four accused individuals, whereas only one of them – Aleksandar MEDIĆ – is due to undergo a new trial, we hereby amend the said indictment, with the enacting terms as follows:

CHARGES:

On an unidentified day in July 1995, during the civil war conducted in the then Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, between Serb, Croatian and Muslim armed forces, Aleksandar MEDIĆ was present with his unit – the Scorpions – at the site called Godinske Bare close to village Trnovo. The Scorpions, a paramilitary unit operating within the Republic of Srpska Krajina Army, had been formed by the company named Republic of Srpska Kraina Oil Industry in order to safeguard the oil rigs in village Deletovci and its surrounding area.

Acting intentionally and with premeditation, the accused, Aleksandar MEDIĆ, aided and abetted by other members of his group, namely the following:

Slobodan MEDIĆ, Pero PETRAŠEVIĆ and Branislav MEDIĆ, against whom criminal proceedings have been completed further to final verdict K.V. No.6/25, rendered on 10 April 2007 by the War Crimes Chamber – District Court in Belgrade; Milorad MOMIĆ, against whom criminal proceedings have been separated; Slobodan DAVIDOVIĆ, who, in the aftermath of the proceedings relating to the same event,

conducted before the District Court in Zagreb (Croatia), was finally sentenced by that court; and other FNU LNU members of the same unit, Participated in the killing of six captured Muslims, whose names and years of birth are set forth below:

SAFET FEJZIĆ, 1978; AZMIR ALISPAHIĆ, 1978; SIDIK SALKIĆ, 1959; SMAIL IBRAHIMOVIĆ, 1960; DINO SALIHOVIĆ, 1979; and JUSO DELIĆ, 1970,

Whereby he committed serious breaches of international law, namely of the following acts and provisions:

Article 3 (1.A) of the Fourth Geneva Convention on Protection of Civilian Persons in Wartime, signed on 12 August 1949 and ratified by the National Assembly of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia (FPRY Official Gazette No. 24/50); and articles 4 (2.A) and 13 of the Second Additional Protocol thereto.

Upon the order issued by Slobodan MEDIĆ, commander of the said unit, the captives were executed in the vicinity of the combat position where fights had been conducted shortly beforehand – clearly with a view to giving the impression that the victims had been killed in those fights. Acting upon his superior's order and in concert with Pero PETRAŠEVIĆ, Milorad MOMIĆ and Slobodan DAVIDOVIĆ, each of whom was also armed with automatic rifles, the accused, Aleksandar MEDIĆ, took part in the captives' transport from Trnovo to the site close to a group of burnt down weekend houses. The victims were herded into a truck driven by Branislav MEDIĆ and taken to the execution site, where they were unloaded and ordered to lie on the ground. Alongside the aforementioned members of his unit, holding his automatic rifle all the time, Aleksandar MEDIĆ guarded the captives in order to prevent them from escaping. In subsequence, acting jointly with the same accomplices, as well as with Branislav MEDIĆ and two FNU LNU Scorpions, all of whom were also armed with automatic rifles, Aleksandar MEDIĆ conducted the captives to the burnt down weekend home of Hasan Zvizdić. As they did so, Aleksandar MEDIĆ and his accomplices treated the victims in the manner which provoked in them feelings of despair and futility of any resistance. Once outside the weekend house, Pero PETRAŠEVIĆ, Branislav MEDIĆ, Milorad MOMIĆ, Slobodan DAVIDOVIĆ and FNU LNU unit members shot four of the captives in the back and thereby killed them, whereupon they forced the remaining two captives to drag the victims' bodies into the house. Ultimately, as the two lay inside the burnt down weekend house with their faces against the ground, they were killed with shots to the back and head, whereafter their bodies were poured with petrol and burned by unidentified perpetrators.

By his participation in the foregoing event, the accused, Aleksandar MEDIĆ, committed the criminal offence recognized by article 142(1) re art. 24 (war crime against civilian population) of the FRY Criminal Act.

WAR CRIMES PROSECUTOR
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