## UNITED NATIONS

Case No: MICT-13-52-R.1



Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals

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### **IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER**

Before: Judge Theodor Meron, Presiding

Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti Judge William Hussein Sekule

Judge Carmel Agius Judge Liu Daqun

Registrar: Mr. John Hocking

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

### MILAN LUKIĆ

#### **PUBLIC**

# PROSECUTION MOTION TO STRIKE LUKIĆ'S NOTICE OF APPEAL OF "DECISION ON MILAN LUKIĆ'S APPLICATION FOR REVIEW"

### **The Office of the Prosecutor:**

Mr. Hassan B. Jallow, Prosecutor

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- 1. The Prosecution moves to strike Milan Lukić's Notice of Appeal.<sup>1</sup> The Notice of Appeal was filed pursuant to Article 23 of the Mechanism Statute, Rule 133 of the Rules<sup>2</sup> and the "case law of the Tribunal", none of which provide for an appeal against the Decision<sup>4</sup> dismissing Lukić's Application for Review.<sup>5</sup>
- 2. The Appeals Chamber dismissed Lukić's Application for Review at the preliminary examination stage.<sup>6</sup> As no judgement on review was issued under Rule 147, Rule 148 does not provide for an appeal against the Decision and accordingly Rule 133 does not apply. Lukić's reliance on *Barayagwiza* to support his claim that an appeal lies from a decision dismissing a request for review is misplaced.<sup>7</sup>
- 3. Even if the Appeals Chamber *had* pronounced a judgement on review pursuant to Rule 147, such a judgement would not be subject to appeal. Article 23(2) of the Mechanism Statute only gives the Appeals Chamber authority to affirm, reverse or revise decisions taken by a "Single Judge or Trial Chamber". This is reflected in Rule 148, which makes no provision for an appeal against a judgement of an Appeals Chamber on review.<sup>8</sup>

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Prosecutor v. Milan Lukić, Case No.MICT-13-52-R.1 ("Lukić"), Notice of Appeal of "Decision on Milan Lukić's Application for Review", 6 August 2015 ("Notice of Appeal").

Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules").

Notice of Appeal, paras.1-2.

Lukić, Decision on Milan Lukić's Application for Review, 7 July 2015 ("Decision").

Contra Notice of Appeal, paras.1-9; Lukić, Application on behalf of Milan Lukić for Review of the Trial Judgment of 20 July 2009, 6 February 2014 (public with confidential annexes) ("Application for Review").

Lukić's Application for Review was dismissed in its entirety on the basis that Lukić failed to submit any new fact meriting review. Decision, paras.17, 23, 31, 37-38.

Notice of Appeal, para.5. In *Barayagwiza*, the ICTR Appeals Chamber was concerned with whether a decision dismissing an indictment against an accused could be subject to review proceedings. The Chamber defined the term "final judgement" for the purposes of bringing a request for review. It did not define a "judgement [...] on review" for the purposes of an appeal under the equivalent provision to Rule 148. *Jean Bosco Barayagwiza v. The Prosecutor*, Case No.ICTR-97-19-AR72, Decision (Prosecutor's Request for Review or Reconsideration), 31 March 2000, paras.2, 49. *See also Lukić*, Order Assigning Judges to a Case before the Appeals Chamber, 24 February 2014, p.2, fn.6.

Rule 148 provides only that "[t]he judgement of a Trial Chamber or Single Judge on review may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Part Seven" (emphasis added).