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**THE PRESIDENT OF THE MECHANISM**

**Before:** Judge Graciela Gatti Santana

**Registrar:** Mr. Abubacarr M. Tambadou

**Date:** 16 May 2025

**IN THE MATTER OF VOJISLAV ŠEŠELJ, MILJAN DAMJANOVIĆ,  
MIROLJUB IGNJATOVIĆ, LJILJANA MIHAJLOVIĆ, AND  
OGNJEN MIHAJLOVIĆ**

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**FOURTH MONITORING REPORT**

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**Monitor**

Ms. Dagmara Albrecht

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 22 April 2025, the Registrar of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (“Mechanism”) appointed me as monitor<sup>1</sup> to observe and report on the progress of contempt proceedings against Mr. Vojislav Šešelj, Mr. Miljan Damjanović, Mr. Miroljub Ignjatović, Ms. Ljiljana Mihajlović, and Mr. Ognjen Mihajlović (“Accused”), referred to the Republic of Serbia (“Serbia”) by a Single Judge pursuant to Articles 1(4), 6(2), and 6(4) of the Statute of the Mechanism and Rule 14 of the Mechanism’s Rules of Procedure and Evidence.<sup>2</sup>
2. This Fourth Monitoring Report, which I respectfully submit to the President through the Registrar in accordance with the applicable Terms of Reference,<sup>3</sup> covers the period from my appointment as monitor to 16 May 2025. This Fourth Monitoring Report and any future monitoring reports will not reiterate the content conveyed in previous monitoring reports, unless required.

## II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

3. On 9 October 2024, the Registrar appointed Mr. Brent D. Hicks as monitor in the *Šešelj et al.* case.<sup>4</sup>
4. In his First Report, the then monitor outlined the relevant procedural history of this case, from the indictment of the Accused through the referral of this proceeding to Serbia, up until 20 November 2024.<sup>5</sup>
5. The Second Report and the Third Report covered the period of 20 November through 20 December 2024, and 20 December 2024 through 20 February 2025, accordingly.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Vojislav Šešelj, Miljan Damjanović, Miroljub Ignjatović, Ljiljana Mihajlović, and Ognjen Mihajlović*, Case No. MICT-23-129-I, Order Appointing a Monitor, public, 22 April 2025 (“Appointment Order”).

<sup>2</sup> *Prosecutor v. Vojislav Šešelj, Miljan Damjanović, Miroljub Ignjatović, Ljiljana Mihajlović, and Ognjen Mihajlović*, Case No. MICT-23-129-I (“*Šešelj et al.*”), Decision on Referral of the Case to the Republic of Serbia, public, 29 February 2024.

<sup>3</sup> The Terms of Reference were agreed upon by an exchange of memoranda between the Registrar and the President, concluded on 4 October 2024, and further amended on 15 January 2025, providing for a bi-monthly reporting regime until the start of proceedings, unless an important development warrants an earlier report. Reference is also made to communication with the President’s Office, allowing an extended period for submitting this Fourth Monitoring Report.

<sup>4</sup> *In the Matter of Vojislav Šešelj, Miljan Damjanović, Miroljub Ignjatović, Ljiljana Mihajlović, and Ognjen Mihajlović*, Case No. MICT-23-129-I, Order Appointing a Monitor, public, 9 October 2024.

<sup>5</sup> *In the Matter of Vojislav Šešelj, Miljan Damjanović, Miroljub Ignjatović, Ljiljana Mihajlović, and Ognjen Mihajlović*, Case No. MICT-23-129-Misc.1, First Monitoring Report, confidential, dated 20 November 2024, public redacted version filed on 4 March 2025 (“First Report”).

6. On 22 April 2025, the Registrar issued the Appointment Order appointing me as a monitor in this proceeding, to replace Mr. Hicks, who is no longer available to act as a monitor due to a change in his professional responsibilities.<sup>7</sup>

### III. REPORT

7. On 22 April 2025, the Registry of the Mechanism sent a *Note Verbale* to the Embassy of Serbia to the Netherlands, announcing my appointment as a monitor in the *Šešelj et al.* case. The *Note Verbale* enclosed a courtesy copy of the Appointment Order and advised that the monitoring mandate remained unchanged.
8. Upon my appointment, the Registry of the Mechanism has shared with me an e-mail communication from the Public Prosecutor's Office for War Crimes ("Prosecutor's Office of Serbia"), dated 17 April 2025, and attaching an undated and unsigned e-mail communication addressed to the previous monitor.
9. In the e-mail communication to the then monitor, the [Acting Chief of the] Prosecutor's Office of Serbia advised that he has fully reviewed the materials submitted with the indictment in the *Šešelj et al.* case and is available for a meeting in person or *via* a conference call. He further informed which Public Prosecutor for War Crimes is in charge of the case, and advised that a team has been formed within the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia to assist in the assessment of legal issues related to the proceedings under the indictment submitted by the Mechanism. The e-mail emphasized that the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia is fully aware of Serbia's international obligations in this matter, and that action will be taken as soon as possible, in accordance with the laws of Serbia.
10. The Registry shared a courtesy copy of my Appointment Order with the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia on the day it was issued.
11. On 30 April 2025, I sent an e-mail to the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia to thank for the information provided in their earlier e-mail communication. I requested a video-conference meeting to discuss further updates and the timeline for the anticipated submission of an indictment before the Higher Court in Belgrade. I reiterated my request

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<sup>6</sup> *In the Matter of Vojislav Šešelj, Miljan Damjanović, Miroljub Ignjatović, Ljiljana Mihajlović, and Ognjen Mihajlović*, Case No. MICT-23-129-Misc.1, Second Monitoring Report, confidential, dated 20 December 2024, public redacted version filed on 4 March 2025 ("Second Report"); Third Monitoring Report, confidential, dated 20 February 2025, public redacted version filed on 12 March 2025 ("Third Report").

<sup>7</sup> See, Appointment Order.

for a video-conference meeting *via* e-mail to the Acting Chief of the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia on 15 May 2025.

12. To facilitate further monitoring efforts, on 8 May 2025, the Registry of the Mechanism sent formal letters of introduction to the Ministry of Justice of Serbia, the Higher Court in Belgrade, and the Public Prosecutor's Office of Serbia, advising of my role as a monitor in the *Šešelj et al.* case and requesting that these entities welcome me for an introductory meeting when the next monitoring mission to Serbia takes place.
13. Further to the letters of introduction, on 15 May 2025, I introduced myself to the Ministry of Justice of Serbia and the Higher Court of Belgrade *via* e-mail. I also sent an e-mail to the Embassy of Serbia to the Netherlands with reference to the 22 April 2025 *Note Verbale*, to establish communication.
14. I also liaised with the Mechanism's Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution"), given their previously expressed intention to introduce the transferred material to the Office of the Prosecutor of Serbia, and to answer any questions related to the referred *Šešelj et al.* case.<sup>8</sup> I was advised, on 8 May 2025, that earlier this year the Prosecution had repeated their offer to brief the Office of the Prosecutor of Serbia, but no meeting has been scheduled yet to this effect.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

15. While there has been some progress in recent weeks, the *Šešelj et al.* case is still in the early stages in Serbia. I am awaiting a response from the Office of the Prosecutor of Serbia and hope to discuss the status of the case *via* a video-conference meeting in the near future.
16. At this time, I will continue to pursue updates remotely and will defer the next monitoring mission until I consider that engaging directly with the interlocutors in Belgrade can help make progress in the monitoring efforts.

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<sup>8</sup> See Second Report, para. 17; Third Report, paras 4 and 8.

17. I remain available to provide any additional information at the President's direction.

Respectfully submitted,



Dagmara Albrecht  
Monitor

Done this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025,  
At The Hague,  
The Netherlands.



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