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for Criminal Tribunals

Case No.: MICT-23-129-Misc.1

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE MECHANISM

Before: Judge Graciela Gatti Santana

Registrar: Mr. Abubacarr M. Tambadou

Date: 14 July 2025

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

PUBLIC REDACTED VERSION

FIFTH MONITORING REPORT

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 monitor¹ 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.²
2. This Fifth Monitoring Report, which I respectfully submit to the President through the Registrar in accordance with the applicable Terms of Reference,³ covers the period from 16 May to 14 July 2025.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

3. The First Monitoring Report 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 2024.⁴
4. The Second and the Third Monitoring Reports covered the period of 20 November through 20 December 2024, and 20 December 2024 through 20 February 2025, accordingly.⁵
5. In the Fourth Monitoring Report, I covered the period since my appointment as a monitor in this proceeding, starting 22 April 2025, up to and including 16 May 2025.⁶

¹ *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”).

² *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.

³ 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.

⁴ *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 Monitoring Report”).

⁵ *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 Monitoring Report”); Third Monitoring Report, confidential, dated 20 February 2025, public redacted version filed on 12 March 2025 (“Third Monitoring Report”).

III. REPORT

6. As outlined in the Fourth Monitoring Report, further to the Registry's introductory communications announcing my appointment as a monitor, I introduced myself *via* e-mail to the Higher Court in Belgrade and the Embassy of Serbia to the Netherlands ("Embassy of Serbia").⁷
7. On 19 May 2025, I received an e-mail communication from the Embassy of Serbia, confirming their readiness to assist in the monitoring efforts.
8. On 30 May 2025, in response to my renewed request of 15 May 2025 for a video-conference meeting with the Acting Chief of the Public Prosecutor's Office for War Crimes ("Prosecutor's Office of Serbia"), I was informed, through e-mail communication, that as of 15 May 2025, [REDACTED] is no longer the Acting Chief of the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia.⁸
9. On 5 June 2025, I contacted the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia by e-mail, reiterating my request for an update on the current status of the case in Serbia and the timeline for the anticipated submission of an indictment before the Higher Court in Belgrade. I also asked for a contact point for matters related to the monitoring of the *Šešelj et al.* case, and requested that in the alternative, the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia facilitates my direct communication with the prosecutor to whom the *Šešelj et al.* case has been assigned, if possible.
10. On 17 June 2025, I received an e-mail from the Higher Court in Belgrade, expressing readiness, on behalf of the President of the Department for War Crimes as well as on behalf of the High Court in Belgrade, to host me during the next monitoring mission to Serbia. The e-mail further stated that the *Šešelj et al.* case has not yet been initiated before the Higher Court in Belgrade, as no indictment had been filed by the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia.
11. On 24 June and 3 July 2025, I followed up on my earlier communications with the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia. To date, I have not received any response.

⁶ See, Appointment Order; *In the Matter of Vojislav Šešelj, Miljan Damjanović, Miroljub Ignjatović, Ljiljana Mihajlović, and Ognjen Mihajlović*, Case No. MICT-23-129-Misc.1, Fourth Monitoring Report, public, dated 16 May 2025, filed on 21 May 2025 ("Fourth Monitoring Report").

⁷ Fourth Monitoring Report, para. 13.

⁸ [REDACTED.]

IV. CONCLUSION

12. Based on the limited information that is being shared by the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia, I am unable to report if any progress has been made with regards to the referred case since the submission of the Fourth Monitoring Report. It appears that the referred case is still with the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia and that no indictment has yet been filed with the Higher Court in Belgrade.
13. For now, I intend to pursue updates remotely and with increased intensity, focused on establishing an effective channel of communication with the Prosecutor's Office of Serbia and soliciting information in relation to the timeline for the anticipated submission of the indictment in Serbia. This will also help me plan the next monitoring mission and ensure that I secure meetings with relevant interlocutors.
14. I remain available to provide any additional information at the President's direction.

Respectfully submitted,



Dagmara Albrecht
Monitor

Done this 14th day of July 2025,
At The Hague,
The Netherlands.



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