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International Residual Mechanism  
for Criminal Tribunals

Case No.: MICT-13-56-ES

Date: 28 April 2026

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**THE PRESIDENT OF THE MECHANISM**

**Before: Judge Graciela Gatti Santana, President**

**Registrar: Mr. Abubacarr M. Tambaou**

**Order of: 28 April 2026**

**PROSECUTOR**

**v.**

**RATKO MLADIĆ**

***PUBLIC REDACTED VERSION***

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**ORDER FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL  
EXPERT ASSESSMENT**

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Mr. Branko Lukić

**I, GRACIELA GATTI SANTANA**, President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (“President” and “Mechanism”, respectively);

**RECALLING** that, on 8 June 2021, the Appeals Chamber of the Mechanism issued a judgement affirming: (i) the convictions entered at trial against Mr. Ratko Mladić (“Mladić”) for genocide, persecution, extermination, murder, deportation, and inhumane acts (forcible transfer) as crimes against humanity, and murder, terror, unlawful attacks on civilians and taking of hostages as violations of the laws or customs of war; and (ii) his sentence of life imprisonment;<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** that, following his final conviction, Mladić has remained at the United Nations Detention Unit (“UNDU”) in The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands, while awaiting designation of and his transfer to a State where he will serve the remainder of his sentence;

**BEING SEISED OF** a motion filed by Mladić on 23 April 2026, in which he requests that I grant him provisional or conditional early release on compelling humanitarian grounds, on the basis that he is “in a state of advanced, irreversible medical decline resulting from a medical incident [on] [REDACTED] [...], and is [REDACTED]”;<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING** that Mladić attaches to his Application two reports prepared by a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] who visited him on 22 April 2026, pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Detention<sup>3</sup> (“Rule 48 Reports”), both indicating, according to Mladić, that he suffers from a “serious, [REDACTED]” condition that cannot be adequately treated in the UNDU or the prison hospital;<sup>4</sup>

**RECALLING** that, pursuant to Article 25 of the Statute of the Mechanism (“Statute”), the Mechanism shall have the power to supervise the enforcement of sentences pronounced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, or the Mechanism;

**RECALLING** that, given the President’s supervisory role over the conditions of detention of persons under the authority of the Mechanism at the UNDU, my predecessor and I ordered the Registrar of the Mechanism (“Registrar”), on 18 January 2022, 3 August 2022, and

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<sup>1</sup> *Prosecutor v. Ratko Mladić*, Case No. MICT-13-56-A, Judgement, 8 June 2021 (public redacted), para. 592. See *Prosecutor v. Ratko Mladić*, Case No. IT-09-92-T, Judgement, 22 November 2017 (public with confidential annex), paras. 5214-5215.

<sup>2</sup> Urgent Defence Motion Seeking (Alternatively) Provisional or Early Release of Mr. Ratko Mladić Based on Humanitarian Grounds, 23 April 2025 (confidential) (“Application”), paras. 1-2, 24-28, Registry Pagination (“RP”) 1970.

<sup>3</sup> Rules Governing the Detention of Persons Awaiting Trial or Appeal Before the Mechanism or Otherwise Detained on the Authority of the Mechanism, 5 November 2018 (“Rules of Detention”).

15 September 2022, respectively, to request and file on the record periodic reports on Mladić's health from the UNDU Medical Service and from independent medical experts;<sup>5</sup>

**NOTING** that the Registrar has since regularly filed such reports on the record;

**NOTING** that the appointed independent medical experts submitted their most recent reports prior to the medical incident to which Mladić refers in the Application;<sup>6</sup>

**NOTING** that the UNDU Medical Officer filed an interim report on 17 April 2026, confirming that Mladić was taken to the emergency room at a civilian hospital from which he was discharged the same day "in stable condition", informing me of the steps subsequently taken for the treatment of a "potentially reversible cause", and opining that Mladić "is [REDACTED]";<sup>7</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that, in these circumstances, it is appropriate to seek additional medical expertise to assist my determination of whether compelling humanitarian grounds exist that may warrant granting Mladić release;

**CONSIDERING** that I would specifically benefit from independent medical expert opinions on: (i) Mladić's current health condition, including relevant diagnoses, prognoses and treatment options; (ii) the extent to which his life expectancy can be assessed; (iii) the adequacy of his care at the UNDU or the prison hospital in line with the existing care directives agreed upon by Mladić; and (iv) the issues raised in the Rule 48 Reports;

**CONSIDERING** that, to the extent that any of the above-mentioned issues falls outside the expertise of the appointed independent medical experts, it may be necessary to appoint, on an expedited basis, an additional independent medical expert of appropriate speciality;

**FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,**

**HEREBY INSTRUCT** the Registrar to file confidentially on the record no later than 1 May 2026 independent medical expert opinions assessing: (i) Mladić's current health condition, including relevant diagnoses, prognoses and treatment options; (ii) the extent to which his life expectancy can

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<sup>4</sup> Application, paras. 7, 12, 16-24, Annexes B-C.

<sup>5</sup> Order on Medical Reports, 18 January 2022 (confidential); Further Order on Medical Reports, 3 August 2022 (confidential); Third Order on Medical Reports, 15 September 2022 (confidential).


<sup>6</sup> Registrar's Submission in Relation to the "Third Order on Medical Reports" of 15 September 2022, 2 April 2026 (confidential), Annex A; Registrar's Submission in Relation to the "Third Order on Medical Reports" of 15 September 2022, 10 April 2026 (confidential), Annex A.

<sup>7</sup> Registrar's Submission in Relation to the "Third Order on Medical Reports" of 15 September 2022, 17 April 2026 (confidential), Annex, RP 1911-1909.

be assessed; (iii) the adequacy of his care at the UNDU or the prison hospital in line with the existing care directives agreed upon by Mladić; and (iv) the issues raised in the Rule 48 Reports.

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

Done this 28th day of April 2026,  
At The Hague,  
The Netherlands.



Judge Graciela Gatti Santana  
President

**[Seal of the Mechanism]**



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