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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. Tambadou**

**Order of: 28 April 2026**

**PROSECUTOR**

**v.**

**RATKO MLADIĆ**

***PUBLIC***

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**ORDER FOR A PUBLIC REDACTED VERSION OF  
RATKO MLADIĆ'S MOTION FOR RELEASE**

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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 the 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 the basis of compelling humanitarian grounds;<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING** that, on 24 April 2026, I instructed the Registrar of the Mechanism (“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 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 reports prepared by two physicians who visited him on 22 April 2026, pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Detention (“Rule 48 Reports”);<sup>3</sup>

**RECALLING** that all proceedings before the Mechanism shall be public unless exceptional reasons require keeping them confidential;<sup>4</sup>

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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 2026 (confidential) (“Application”), paras. 1-2, 24-28, Registry Pagination 1970.

<sup>3</sup> Order for an Independent Medical Expert Assessment, 24 April 2026 (confidential) (“Order of 24 April 2026”), pp. 2-3. A public redacted version of the Order of 24 April 2026 was filed on 28 April 2026. *See* Order for an Independent Medical Expert Assessment, 28 April 2026 (public redacted). *See* 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”).

<sup>4</sup> *See, e.g., Prosecutor v. Jovica Stanišić*, Case No. MICT-15-96-ES.2, Order for a Public Redacted Version of Jovica Stanišić’s Application for Early Release, 15 April 2026, p. 1; *Prosecutor v. Gaspard Kanyarukiga*, Case No. MICT-22-126-ES.1, Order for a Public Redacted Version of Gaspard Kanyarukiga’s Application for Early Release and for Further Information, 29 January 2026, p. 1; *Prosecutor v. Paul Bisengimana*, Case No. MICT-12-07, Decision of

**RECALLING** further that, in order to ensure this, the relevant Practice Direction requires that “any convicted person who is assisted by legal counsel shall file the [direct petition for early release] on the record publicly or together with a public redacted version”;<sup>5</sup>


**CONSIDERING** that the information relating to the health situation and any other personal circumstances of Mladić set out in the Application may be safeguarded through appropriate redactions and that the public redacted version of the Order of 24 April 2026 can provide guidance in this regard;

**CONSIDERING** that, in addition to any redactions Mladić will implement in this regard, the names and specialties of the physicians who examined him pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Detention or in their capacity as independent medical experts, the date of the medical incident, as well as the entirety of the annexes should be redacted;<sup>6</sup>

**HEREBY ORDER** Mladić to file a public redacted version of the Application, excluding its annexes, consistent with the present order, no later than 1 May 2026.

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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the President on Early Release of Paul Bisengimana and on Motion to File a Public Redacted Application, 11 December 2012 (public redacted), para. 6.

<sup>5</sup> Practice Direction on the Procedure for the Determination of Applications for Pardon, Commutation of Sentence, or Early Release of Persons Convicted by the ICTR, the ICTY, or the Mechanism, MICT/3/Rev.4, 1 July 2024, para. 6.

<sup>6</sup> See Application, paras. 1-2, 4, 7, 17-21, 26, Annexes A-D.



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