

**UNITED  
NATIONS**



International Residual Mechanism  
for Criminal Tribunals

Case No.: MICT-13-56-ES

Date: 1 May 2026

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**THE PRESIDENT OF THE MECHANISM**

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

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

**Order of: 1 May 2026**

**PROSECUTOR**

**v.**

**RATKO MLADIĆ**

***PUBLIC***

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**DECISION ON REGISTRAR'S REQUEST FOR AN  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE THE REPORTS OF THE  
INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERTS**

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**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;

**NOTING** the 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;<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;<sup>3</sup>

**BEING SEISED** of a request filed confidentially on 1 May 2026, in which the Registrar seeks an extension of time to file the reports of the appointed independent medical experts;<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 2025 (confidential) (“Application”), paras. 1-2, 24-28, Registry Pagination 1970. A public redacted version of the Application was filed on 30 April 2026. *See* Urgent Defence Motion Seeking (Alternatively) Provisional or Early Release of Mr. Ratko Mladić Based on Humanitarian Grounds, 30 April 2026 (public redacted).

<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> Registrar’s Submission in Relation to the ‘Order for an Independent Medical Expert Assessment’ of 24 April 2026, 1 May 2026 (confidential) (“Request”), paras. 1, 12.

**CONSIDERING** that the Registrar requests a limited extension of time, which is necessary to allow for diagnostic testing requested by the appointed independent medical experts in order to complete their assessments and submit their reports;<sup>5</sup>

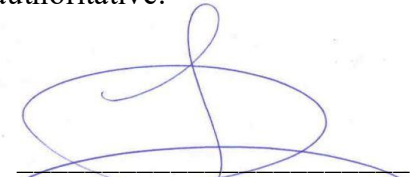
**FINDING** that the Registrar has shown good cause for an extension of time and that, in order to make an informed decision on the Application, it is appropriate to grant the Request;

**FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,**

**HEREBY GRANT** the Request.

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

Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2026,  
At The Hague,  
The Netherlands.



Judge Graciela Gatti Santana  
President

**[Seal of the Mechanism]**

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<sup>5</sup> Request, paras. 9-12.