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International Residual Mechanism
for Criminal Tribunals

Case No.: MICT-13-56-ES

Date: 27 August 2026

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE MECHANISM

Before: Judge Graciela Gatti Santana, President

Registrar: Mr. Abubacarr M. Tambaou

Order of: 27 August 2026

PROSECUTOR

v.

RATKO MLADIĆ

PUBLIC

**ORDER ASSIGNING A JUDGE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY**

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;¹

RECALLING that, following his final conviction, Mladić remained at the United Nations Detention Unit (“UNDU”) in The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands, pending the designation of, and his transfer to, a State in which he would serve the remainder of his sentence;

NOTING that the Registrar of the Mechanism (“Registrar”) informed me today that Mladić passed away today while in the custody of the UNDU;

CONSIDERING that, pursuant to Rule 50(3) of the Rules of Detention,² the President may order an internal inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of any detainee;

PURSUANT TO Rule 50(3) of the Rules of Detention;

HEREBY ASSIGN Judge Iain Bonomy to conduct an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mladić while in the custody of the UNDU and to report the findings of that inquiry directly to me as soon as reasonably possible; and

REQUEST the Registrar to provide Judge Bonomy with any assistance, including access to confidential documents, required to complete the inquiry.

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

Done this 27th day of August 2026,
At The Hague,
The Netherlands.


Judge Graciela Gatti Santana
President

¹ *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, Judgment, 22 November 2017 (public with confidential annex), paras. 5214-5215.

² 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”).



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