

SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

FREETOWN – SIERRA LEONE

Before: Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe, Presiding Judge
 Judge Bankole Thompson
 Judge Pierre Boutet

Registrar: Robin Vincent

Date filed: 2 March 2005

THE PROSECUTOR**Against**

SAMUEL HINGA NORMAN
MOININA FOFANA
ALLIEU KONDEWA
 (Case No. SCSL-2004-14-T)

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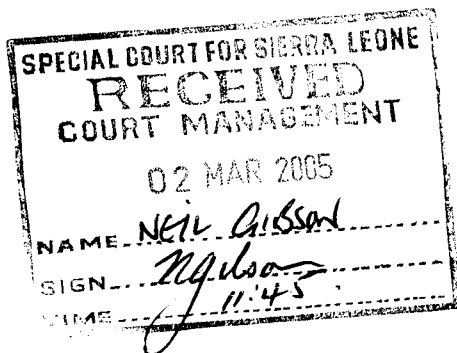
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Prosecution’s primary submission is that the evidence in question is within the scope of the Indictment and relevant to both counts 3 and 4. In reply to the Second Accused’s assertion that the “...allegations were not pleaded with specificity in the Consolidated Indictment...”, the Prosecution submits that the accused will not be unfairly prejudiced by the adduction of this evidence. The Accused has had adequate notice; the counts under which it will be led are in the existing Indictment, and the evidence by which the Prosecution intends to prove the counts was disclosed over a year ago.

II. ARGUMENTEvidence Within the Scope of the Existing Indictment

1. The subject evidence is both relevant and admissible because it falls within the scope of the counts on the existing Indictment. As clearly stated by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, “Sexual violence falls within the scope of ‘other inhumane acts’...and ‘serious bodily or mental harm,’...”¹
2. While the Prosecution recognises it is precluded from leading evidence under the counts within the failed amendment, that does not preclude the Prosecution from leading evidence of sexual violence under Counts 3 and 4 of the existing Indictment,

¹ *Prosecutor v. Jean Paul Akayesu*, ICTR-96-4T, “Judgment,” 2 September 1998 at para. 688 [hereinafter *Akayesu*].

pursuant to articles 3(a) and (i) of the Statute for the Special Court for Sierra Leone (the “statute”). Although the amendment was not allowed, that decision did not have the consequence of eliminating relevant and admissible evidence; if that evidence is relevant to existing counts on the indictment than it may be properly adduced during the course of the trial.

3. Cumulative charging, that is alleging numerous counts in respect of the same conduct, is the standard practice of international tribunals. As stated by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (“ICTY”) in *Delalic*:

*Cumulative charging is to be allowed in light of the fact that, prior to the presentation of all of the evidence, it is not possible to determine to a certainty which of the charges brought against an accused will be proven. The Trial Chamber is better poised, after the parties’ presentation of the evidence, to evaluate which of the charges may be retained, based upon the sufficiency of the evidence. In addition, cumulative charging constitutes the usual practice of both this Tribunal and the ICTR.*²
4. The jurisprudence has also affirmed the propriety of this practice in recognition of the fact that different offences safeguard different interests.³ Having already charged the offence of causing serious bodily or mental harm under 3(a) and (i) of the Statute, the Prosecution attempted to amend so as to add to the existing Indictment the offences under 2(g) and 3(e) of the statute: rape or sexual slavery as a crime against humanity and outrages upon personal dignity. Recognising that the other international tribunals have entered convictions for each of these offences in respect of sexually based offences⁴, the Prosecution attempted to charge the accused cumulatively for different offences arising out of the same conduct.
5. Notably, the Court during that process did not express the view that sex or gender offences could not be prosecuted before the court. Rather, the Court ruled that specific counts, discussed above, could not be added to the existing Indictment.
6. A clear distinction must be made between charges and particulars; the distinction is blurred in the Response. The admission of the particular evidence will not lead to

² *Prosecutor v. Delalic*, ICTY Appeals Chamber, “Judgement,” 20 February 2001 at para 400.

³ *Akayesu* at para 469.

⁴ *Akayesu* at para. 688: “Sexual violence falls within the scope of “other inhumane acts”, set forth Article 3(i) of the Tribunal’s Statute, “outrages upon personal dignity,” set forth in Article 4(e) of the Statute, and “serious bodily or mental harm,” set forth in Article 2(2)(b) of the Statute.”

any additional charges being raised against the accused. The Accused cannot be convicted of any more charges than are on the indictment; that is, the evidence being led relates to existing counts rather than counts which were not permitted. As agreed by the Accused, the test is whether the evidence is relevant and admissible on the existing counts.

7. The Prosecution, at the time of the filing of the indictment, was not in possession of the subject evidence. Consequently, the Prosecution was unable to plead the allegations relating to the sexual offences with specificity in the particulars at that time. However the Accused was informed of the charges facing him by way of the counts on the indictment. Subsequently, the accused was informed in detail of the allegations by means of the individual statements which were served upon him over a year ago.
8. The Prosecution agrees with the submission that the allegations were not pleaded with specificity in the Indictment. However, the lack of specificity does not take the evidence outside the Indictment. The Prosecution submits that subject evidence is not made nugatory because the specificity concerning the material was not achieved in the particulars, although the counts on the indictment anticipate such material.
9. The exercise to be undertaken by the Court is one of achieving a fair and lawful trial. The Accused is aware of the charges against him, which have not altered; additional evidence is to be led against in respect of those charges. The Prosecution, in the interest of fairness and clarity, has indicated the specific counts against which the evidence is to be led. Lack of specificity in the indictment, in the light of all the circumstances, cannot support a claim that relevant and admissible evidence should be excluded.

Adequate Notice

10. Contrary to the suggestion of the Second Accused's Response, the First Accused has suffered no prejudice in his ability to prepare his defence. The Counts under which the Prosecution seeks to adduce the relevant evidence were always present on the existing indictment. Further, the First Accused has received timely disclosure of

the evidence upon which the Prosecution seeks to rely in proving those counts. The Prosecution concedes that that the counts could have been described in more detail; however, the central consideration is whether the accused's ability to prepare his case has been materially impaired.⁵ Thus, the ICTY has stated:

*Where...the prosecution seeks to lead evidence of an incident which supports the general offence charged, but the particular incident has not been pleaded in the indictment in relation to that offence, the admissibility of the evidence depends upon the sufficiency of notice which the accused had been given that such evidence is to be led in relation to that offence.*⁶

11. The First Accused has been on notice for some time as to the particular nature of the evidence laid against him. Witness statements describing acts of sexual violence were disclosed more than one year ago. The initial disclosure was in July of 2003.⁷ Several more statements were disclosed in February of 2004.⁸ In its Supplementary Pre-trial Brief of 22nd April 2004, the Prosecution outlined the evidence it intended to call in relation to sexual allegations against the Second Accused, under counts 3 and 4, at paragraphs 91(b), 92, 93(f), 96(g), 131(b), 220(b), 222(h), 222(i), 221, 225(f), 260(b), 351(b) and 391(b).⁹ The Second Accused may have been under the misapprehension that the Prosecution would not lead evidence of sexual violence after the Prosecution's Appeal was denied in August 2004 Appeal¹⁰. However, the Prosecution submits that the Court should consider the intervening 13 months

⁵ *Prosecutor v. Kupreskic*, ICTY Appeals Chamber, "Judgement," at para 122.

⁶ *Prosecutor v. Brdanin & Momir Talic*, ICTY Trial Chamber II, "Decision on Form of Further Amended Indictment and Prosecution Application to Amend," 26 July 2001 at para. 62; see also *Prosecutor v. Stanislav Galic*, ICTY Trial Chamber, "Decision on the Defence Motion for Indicating that the First and Second Schedule to the Indictment Dated 10th October 2001 Should be Considered as the Amended Indictment," 19 October 2001 at para. 16; *R. v. Kupreskic*, ICTY Appeals Chamber, "Judgement," at para. 114; *Prosecutor v. Enver Hadzihanovic, Amir Kubara*, ICTY Trial Chamber, IT-01-47-T, "Decision on Motion of Accused Hadzihanovic Regarding the Prosecution's Examination of Witnesses Alleged Violations Not Covered by the Indictment," 16 March 2004.

⁷ Witness Statements for TF2-108, TF2-109.

⁸ Witness Statements for TF2-188, TF2-134, TF2-135, TF2-187, TF2-189, TF2-133, TF2-129.

⁹ *Prosecutor v. Norman, Kondewa and Fofana*, Case No. 2004-14-PT, 'Prosecution Supplemental Pre-trial Brief Pursuant to Order to the Prosecution to File a Supplemental Pre-trial Brief of 1 April 2004,' 22 April 2004.

¹⁰ *Prosecutor v. Norman, Kondewa and Fofana*, Case No. 2004-14-PT, 'Majority decision on the Prosecution's application for leave to file an interlocutory appeal against the decision on the prosecution's request for leave to amend the indictment against Norman, Fofana and Kondewa', 2 August 2004.

during which time the accused had the opportunity and the disclosure to investigate, should it have intended to so.

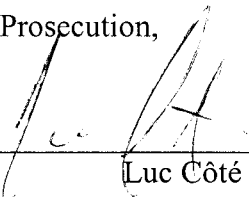
12. The conduct and preparation of the defence case is a subject upon which the Prosecution cannot comment, except to suggest one cannot ignore relevant and admissible evidence in the hope that it will not be adduced, when there are existing counts to which the evidence can be applied.

III. CONCLUSION

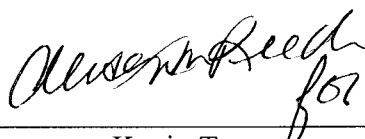
13. The Prosecution seeks to adduce the evidence in question in support of counts 3 and 4 of the existing Indictment. The evidence is highly probative in relation to the counts and cannot be construed as prejudicial or inflammatory merely because it includes testimony of sexual violence. The First Accused has had been on notice of the nature of the charges for some time now and cannot, in fairness, now claim to be caught by surprise. A fair trial means fair treatment to the Prosecution and to witnesses as well as to the Accused.¹¹

Freetown, 2 March 2005.

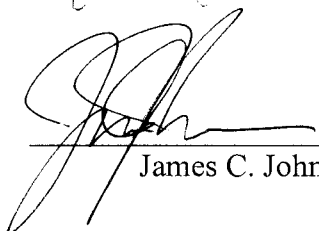
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¹¹ *Prosecutor v Tadic*, ICTY Trial Chamber, IT-94-1, Decision on the Prosecutor's Motion Requesting Protective Measures for Victims and Witnesses, 10 August 1995 at para. 55.

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ANNEX A

1. *Prosecutor v. Jean Paul Akayesu*, ICTR Trial Chamber, ICTR-96-4T, "Judgement," 2 September 1998.

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International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda

CHAMBER I - CHAMBRE I

OR : ENG

Before:

Judge Laïty Kama, Presiding
Judge Lennart Aspegren
Judge Navanethem Pillay

Registry:

Mr. Agwu U. Okali

Decision of: 2 September 1998

**THE PROSECUTOR
VERSUS
JEAN-PAUL AKAYESU**

Case No. ICTR-96-4-T

JUDGEMENT

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688. The Tribunal defines rape as a physical invasion of a sexual nature, committed on a person under circumstances which are coercive. The Tribunal considers sexual violence, which includes rape, as any act of a sexual nature which is committed on a person under circumstances which are coercive. Sexual violence is not limited to physical invasion of the human body and may include acts which do not involve penetration or even physical contact. The incident described by Witness KK in which the Accused ordered the Interahamwe to undress a student and force her to do gymnastics naked in the public courtyard of the bureau communal, in front of a crowd, constitutes sexual violence. The Tribunal notes in this context that coercive circumstances need not be evidenced by a show of physical force. Threats, intimidation, extortion and other forms of duress which prey on fear or desperation may constitute coercion, and coercion may be inherent in certain circumstances, such as armed conflict or the military presence of Interahamwe among refugee Tutsi women at the bureau communal. Sexual violence falls within the scope of "other inhumane acts", set forth Article 3(i) of the Tribunal's Statute, "outrages upon personal dignity," set forth in Article 4(e) of the Statute, and "serious bodily or mental harm," set forth in Article 2(2)(b) of the Statute.

6. THE LAW

6.1 Cumulative Charges

461. In the amended Indictment, the accused is charged cumulatively with more than one crime in relation to the same sets of facts, in all but count 4. For example the events described in paragraphs 12 to 23 of the Indictment are the subject of three counts of the Indictment - genocide (count 1), complicity in genocide (count 2) and crimes against humanity/extermination (count 3). Likewise, counts 5 and 6 of the Indictment charge murder as a crime against humanity and murder as a violation of common article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, respectively, in relation to the same set of facts; the same is true of counts 7 and 8, and of counts 9 and 10, of the Indictment. Equally, counts 11 (crime against humanity/torture) and 12 (violation of common article 3/cruel treatment) relate to the same events. So do counts 13 (crime against humanity/rape), 14 (crimes against humanity/other inhumane acts) and 15 (violation of common article 3 and additional protocol II/rape).

462. The question which arises at this stage is whether, if the Chamber is convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that a given factual allegation set out in the Indictment has been established, it may find the accused guilty of all of the crimes charged in relation to those facts or only one. The reason for posing this question is that it might be argued that the accumulation of criminal charges offends against the principle of double jeopardy or a substantive *non bis in idem* principle in criminal law. Thus an accused who is found guilty of both genocide and crimes against humanity in relation to the same set of facts may argue that he has been twice judged for the same offence, which is generally considered impermissible in criminal law.

463. The Chamber notes that this question has been posed, and answered, by the Trial Chamber of the ICTY in the first case before that Tribunal, *The Prosecutor v. Dusko Tadic*. Trial Chamber II, confronted with this issue, stated:

"In any event, since this is a matter that will only be relevant insofar as it might affect penalty, it can best be dealt with if and when matters of penalty fall for consideration. What can, however, be said with certainty is that penalty cannot be made to depend upon whether offences arising from the same conduct are alleged

cumulatively or in the alternative. What is to be punished by penalty is proven criminal conduct and that will not depend upon technicalities of pleading". (Prosecutor v. Tadic , Decision on Defence Motion on Form of the Indictment at p.10 (No. IT-94-1-T, T.Ch.II, 14 Nov, 1995)

464. In that case, when the matter reached the sentencing stage, the Trial Chamber dealt with the matter of cumulative criminal charges by imposing *concurrent* sentences for each cumulative charge. Thus, for example, in relation to one particular beating, the accused received 7 years' imprisonment for the beating as a crime against humanity, and a 6 year concurrent sentence for the same beating as a violation of the laws or customs of war.

465. The Chamber takes due note of the practice of the ICTY. This practice was also followed in the *Barbie* case, where the French *Cour de Cassation* held that a single event could be qualified both as a crime against humanity and as a war crime. 79

466. It is clear that the practice of concurrent sentencing ensures that the accused is not twice punished for the same acts. Notwithstanding this absence of prejudice to the accused, it is still necessary to justify the prosecutorial practice of accumulating criminal charges.

467. The Chamber notes that in Civil Law systems, including that of Rwanda, there exists a principle known as *concoure idéal d'infractions* which permits multiple convictions for the same act under certain circumstances. Rwandan law allows multiple convictions in the following circumstances:

Code pénal du Rwanda: Chapitre VI - Du concours d'infractions:

Article 92.- Il y a concours d'infractions lorsque plusieurs infractions ont été commises par le même auteur sans qu'une condamnation soit intervenue entre ces infractions.

Article 93.- Il y a concours idéal:

- 1) lorsque le fait unique au point de vue matériel est susceptible de plusieurs qualifications;
- 2) lorsque l'action comprend des faits qui, constituant des infractions distinctes, sont unis entre eux comme procédant

d'une intention délictueuse unique ou comme étant les uns des circonstances aggravantes des autres.

Seront seules prononcées dans le premier cas les peines déterminées par la qualification la plus sévère, dans le second cas les peines prévues pour la répression de l'infraction la plus grave, mais dont le maximum pourra être alors élevé de moitié.

468. On the basis of national and international law and jurisprudence, the Chamber concludes that it is acceptable to convict the accused of two offences in relation to the same set of facts in the following circumstances: (1) where the offences have different elements; or (2) where the provisions creating the offences protect different interests; or (3) where it is necessary to record a conviction for both offences in order fully to describe what the accused did. However, the Chamber finds that it is not justifiable to convict an accused of two offences in relation to the same set of facts where (a) one offence is a lesser included offence of the other, for example, murder and grievous bodily harm, robbery and theft, or rape and indecent assault; or (b) where one offence charges accomplice liability and the other offence charges liability as a principal, e.g. genocide and complicity in genocide.

469. Having regard to its Statute, the Chamber believes that the offences under the Statute - genocide, crimes against humanity, and violations of article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and of Additional Protocol II - have different elements and, moreover, are intended to protect different interests. The crime of genocide exists to protect certain groups from extermination or attempted extermination. The concept of crimes against humanity exists to protect civilian populations from persecution. The idea of violations of article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and of Additional Protocol II is to protect non-combatants from war crimes in civil war. These crimes have different purposes and are, therefore, never co-extensive. Thus it is legitimate to charge these crimes in relation to the same set of facts. It may, additionally, depending on the case, be necessary to record a conviction for more than one of these offences in order to reflect what crimes an accused committed. If, for example, a general order that all prisoners of war belonging to a particular ethnic group should be killed, with the intent thereby to eliminate the group, this would be both genocide and a violation of common article 3, although not necessarily a crime against humanity. Convictions for genocide and violations

of common article 3 would accurately reflect the accused general's course of conduct.

470. Conversely, the Chamber does not consider that any of genocide, crimes against humanity, and violations of article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and of Additional Protocol II are lesser included forms of each other. The ICTR Statute does not establish a hierarchy of norms, but rather all three offences are presented on an equal footing. While genocide may be considered the gravest crime, there is no justification in the Statute for finding that crimes against humanity or violations of common article 3 and additional protocol II are in all circumstances alternative charges to genocide and thus lesser included offences. As stated, and it is a related point, these offences have different constituent elements. Again, this consideration renders multiple convictions for these offences in relation to the same set of facts permissible.

ANNEX A

2. *Prosecutor v. Delalic*, ICTY Appeals Chamber, "Judgement," 20 February 2001.

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IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge David Hunt, Presiding

Judge Fouad Riad

Judge Rafael Nieto-Navia

Judge Mohamed Bennouna

Judge Fausto Pocar

Registrar:

Mr Hans Holthuis

Judgement of: 20 February 2001

PROSECUTOR

V.

**Zejnir DELALIC,
Zdravko MUCIC (aka "PAVO"),
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(*"CELEBICI Case"*)

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399. A. Discussion

1. Cumulative Charging

00. Cumulative charging is to be allowed in light of the fact that, prior to the presentation of all of the evidence, it is not possible to determine to a certainty which of the charges brought against an accused will be proven. The Trial Chamber is better poised, after the parties' presentation of the evidence, to evaluate which of the charges may be retained, based upon the sufficiency of the evidence. In addition, cumulative charging constitutes the usual practice of both this Tribunal and the ICTR.

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3. *Prosecutor v. Kupreskic*, ICTY Appeals Chamber, "Judgement," 23 October 2001.

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IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Patricia Wald, Presiding

Judge Lal Chand Vohrah

Judge Rafael Nieto-Navia

Judge Fausto Pocar

Judge Liu Daqun

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Judgement of:

23 October 2001

PROSECUTOR

v

**ZORAN KUPRESKIC
MIRJAN KUPRESKIC
VLATKO KUPRESKIC
DRAGO JOSIPOVIC
VLADIMIR SANTIC**

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114. The Appeals Chamber notes that, generally, an indictment, as the primary accusatory instrument, must plead with sufficient detail the essential aspect of the Prosecution case. If it fails to do so, it suffers from a material defect. A defective indictment, in and of itself, may, in certain circumstances cause the Appeals Chamber to reverse a conviction. The Appeals Chamber, however, does not exclude the possibility that, in some instances, a defective indictment can be cured if the Prosecution provides the accused with timely, clear and consistent information detailing the factual basis underpinning the charges against him or her. Nevertheless, in light of the factual and legal complexities normally associated with the crimes within the jurisdiction of this Tribunal, there can only be a limited number of cases that fall within that category. For the reasons that follow, the Appeals Chamber finds that this case is not one of them.

122. The Appeals Chamber emphasises that the vagueness of the Amended Indictment in the present case constitutes neither a minor defect nor a technical imperfection . It goes to the heart of the substantial safeguards that an indictment is intended to furnish to an accused, namely to inform him of the case he has to meet. If such a fundamental defect can indeed be held to be harmless in any circumstances, it would only be through demonstrating that Zoran and Mirjan Kupreskic's ability to prepare their defence was not materially impaired. In the absence of such a showing here, the conclusion must be that such a fundamental defect in the Amended Indictment did indeed cause injustice, since the Defendants' right to prepare their defence was seriously infringed. The trial against Zoran and Mirjan Kupreskic was, thereby , rendered unfair.

ANNEX A

4. *Prosecutor. v. Brdanin & Momir Talic*, ICTY Trial Chamber II, "Decision on Form of Further Amended Indictment and Prosecution Application to Amend," 26 July 2001.

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IN TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Judge David Hunt, Presiding

Judge Florence Ndepele Mwachande Mumba

Judge Liu Daqun

Registrar:

Mr Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

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RADOSLAV BRDANIN & MOMIR TALIC

**DECISION ON FORM OF FURTHER AMENDED INDICTMENT
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1 The application and its background

61. The right of the prosecution to lead evidence in relation to facts not pleaded in the indictment is not as unlimited as its response to this complaint may suggest. Article 21.4(a) entitles the accused "to be informed promptly and in detail [...] of the nature and cause of the charge against him". For example, it would not be possible, simply because the accused was not alleged to be directly involved, to lead evidence of a completely new offence which has not been charged in the indictment without first amending the indictment to include the charge. Where, however, the offence charged, such as persecution and other crimes against humanity, almost always depends upon proof of a number of basic crimes (such as murder), the prosecution is not required to lay a separate charge in respect of each murder. The old pleading rule was that a count which contained more than one offence was bad for duplicity, because it did not permit an accused to plead guilty to one or more offences and not guilty to the other or other offences included within the one count. Such a rule is completely impracticable in this Tribunal, given the massive scale of the offences which it has to deal with.¹⁸⁴ But the rule against duplicity was nevertheless also one of elementary fairness, and the consideration of fairness involved was that the accused must know the nature of the case he has to meet.

62. Where, therefore, the prosecution seeks to lead evidence of an incident which supports the general offence charged, but the particular incident has not been pleaded in the indictment in relation to that offence, the admissibility of the evidence depends upon the sufficiency of the notice which the accused has been given that such evidence is to be led in relation to that offence.¹⁸⁵ Until such notice is given, an accused is entitled to proceed upon the basis that the details pleaded *are* the only case which he has to meet in relation to the offence or offences charged. Notice that such evidence will be led in relation to a particular offence charged is *not* sufficiently given by the mere service of witness statements by the prosecution pursuant to the disclosure requirements imposed by Rule 66(A). This necessarily follows from the obligation now imposed upon the prosecution to identify in its Pre-Trial Brief, in relation to *each* count, a summary of the evidence which it intends to elicit regarding the commission of the alleged crime and the form of the responsibility incurred by the accused.¹⁸⁶ If the prosecution intends to elicit evidence in relation to a particular count additional to that summarised in its Pre-Trial Brief, specific notice must be given to the accused of that particular intention.

ANNEX A

7. *Prosecutor v Tadic*, ICTY Trial Chamber, IT-94-1, "Decision on the Prosecutor's Motion Requesting Protective Measures for Victims and Witnesses," 10 August 1995.

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Before: Judge McDonald, Presiding

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DECISION

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55. However, the interest in the ability of the defendant to establish facts must be weighed against the interest in the anonymity of the witness. The balancing of these interests is inherent in the notion of a "fair trial". A fair trial means not only fair treatment to the defendant but also to the prosecution and to the witnesses. In a case before the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, *Jarvie and Another v. The Magistrates' Court of Victoria at Brunswick and Others*, (1994) V.R. 84, 88, Judge Brooking, when pronouncing on whether anonymity of a witness is in conformity with the principle of a fair trial stated:

The "balancing exercise" now so familiar in this and other fields of the law must be undertaken. On the one hand, there is the public interest in the preservation of anonymity . . . On the other hand, there is the public interest that . . . the defendant should be able to elicit (directly or indirectly) and to establish facts and matters, including those going to credit, as may assist in securing a favourable outcome to the proceedings. There is also the public interest in the conduct by the courts of their proceedings in public.