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Sixty-ninth year****International Tribunal for the Prosecution of
Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of
International Humanitarian Law Committed in
the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991****Identical letters dated 31 October 2014 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the
President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit the attached letter dated 1 October 2014 from Judge Theodor Meron, President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (see annex).

In his letter, Judge Meron requests the extension of the term of office of 14 permanent judges of the Trial and Appeals Chambers and three ad litem judges of the Trial Chamber until the dates set out therein or until the completion of the cases to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner.

I recall that, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2130 (2013) and General Assembly decision 68/413 B, the current term of office of the judges of the Appeals Chamber and of the Trial Chamber is set to expire on 31 December 2014. However, it is evident from the updated trial and appeals schedules attached to the letter of Judge Meron that the cases to which these judges are or will be assigned will not be completed by the end of this year. Therefore, it is necessary to extend their term of office beyond 31 December 2014.

It falls to the General Assembly and the Security Council to consider and decide on this request. Accordingly, I would be grateful if the present letter and its attachment could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) BAN Ki-moon



Annex

Letter dated 1 October 2014 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour of referring to Security Council resolution 2130 (2013) of 18 December 2013, in which the Council, inter alia, extended the terms of office of the permanent and ad litem Judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia until 31 December 2014 or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned, if sooner.

By the present letter, I wish to bring to your attention the necessity of extending the terms of office of the permanent and ad litem judges of the Tribunal. The extensions set out below are sought on the basis of and by reference to the attached trial and appeal schedules (see enclosures I and II), which contain projections for the completion of the Tribunal's remaining trials and appeals.^a As set out in previous completion strategy reports to the Security Council, the late arrests of certain accused and other challenges mean that, despite its continuing efforts, the Tribunal will not be in a position to complete all of its work by 31 December 2014.^b

Permanent judges

An extension until 31 December 2015 or until the completion of the cases to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner, is sought for the following judges:

Judge Kwon (Republic of Korea)
Judge Antonetti (France)
Judge Hall (Bahamas)
Judge Morrison (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Judge Delvoie (Belgium)
Judge Afande (Togo)

An extension until 31 July 2017 or until the completion of the cases to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner, is sought for the following judges:

Judge Meron (United States of America)
Judge Agius (Malta)
Judge Flügge (Germany)
Judge Orié (Netherlands)
Judge Robinson (Jamaica)
Judge Pocar (Italy)
Judge Liu (China)
Judge Moloto (South Africa)

^a If the judgement in the last case to which a judge is expected to or will be assigned is forecast for delivery between January and July of a certain year, an extension until July of that year is requested. If the judgement in the last case to which a judge is expected to or will be assigned is anticipated between August and December of a certain year, an extension until December of that year is requested.

^b See, for example, S/2014/351, annex I, paras. 14 and 25; S/2013/678, annex I, paras. 19 and 31; S/2013/308, annex I, paras. 31 and 51; S/2012/847, annex I, paras. 30 and 44; S/2012/354, annex I, paras. 29 and 45; and S/2011/716, annex I, para. 41.

Ad litem judges

An extension until 31 December 2015 or until the completion of the cases to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner, is sought for the following judges:

Judge Mindua (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Judge Lattanzi (Italy)

Judge Baird (Trinidad and Tobago)

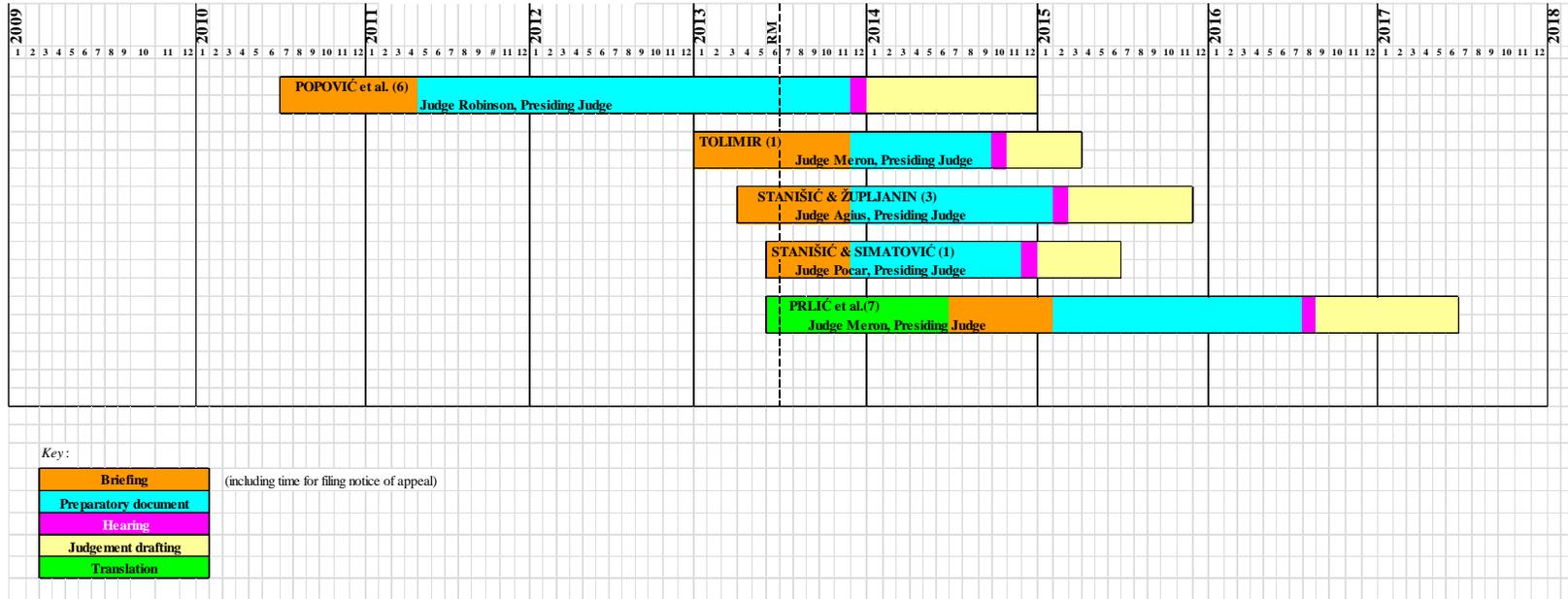
I would be grateful if you would bring this letter and its attachments to the attention of the Security Council for its consideration.

(Signed) Theodor **Merón**
President

Enclosure II

Appeal schedule of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

(as at 1 October 2014)



Notes: The figures in parentheses indicate the number of appellants.
 (R) indicates "Reserved".