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Seventieth 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 28 October 2015 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 a letter dated 1 October 2015 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 and three ad litem judges 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 resolutions 2193 (2014) and 2194 (2014) of 18 December 2014 and General Assembly decisions 69/415 and 69/416 of 23 December 2014, the current term of office of the judges is set to expire on 31 December 2015. However, according to the updated trial and appeals schedules enclosed with Judge Meron's letter, the cases to which these judges are or will be assigned will not be completed by the end of 2015. Therefore, it is necessary to extend the term of office of these judges beyond 31 December 2015 in order to allow them to complete the cases.

It falls to the General Assembly and the Security Council to consider and decide upon this request. Accordingly, I would be grateful if the present letter and attachment could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 127, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon



## Annex

### **Letter dated 1 October 2015 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 2193 (2014) of 18 December 2014, in which the Security Council, inter alia, extended the terms of office of the permanent and ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia until 31 December 2015 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 further extending the terms of office of the Tribunal's permanent and ad litem judges. The extensions set out below are sought on the basis of and by reference to the attached trial and appeal schedules, which contain projections for the completion of the Tribunal's remaining trials and appeals.

#### **Permanent judges**

An extension until 31 March 2016 or until the completion of the case 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 Morrison (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)  
Judge Niang (Senegal)<sup>1</sup>

An extension until 30 June 2016 or until the completion of the cases to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner, is sought for the following judge:

Judge Afande (Togo)

An extension until 31 October 2016 or until the completion of the cases to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner, is sought for the following judges:

Judge Hall (Bahamas)  
Judge Delvoie (Belgium)

An extension until 30 November 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 Pocar (Italy)  
Judge Liu (China)  
Judge Moloto (South Africa)

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<sup>1</sup> Following his appointment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as permanent judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Judge Niang from Senegal was sworn in as a member of the Appeals Chambers of both Tribunals and as a permanent judge of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia on 30 October 2013, in accordance with article 14 (4) of the Statute of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Pursuant to rule 27 (C) of that Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence, Judge Niang was assigned to the Trial Chamber seized of the *Šešelj* case on 31 October 2013.

**Ad litem judges**

An extension until 31 March 2016 or until the completion of the case to which they are or will be assigned, if sooner, is sought for the following judges:

Judge Lattanzi (Italy)  
Judge Baird (Trinidad and Tobago)

An extension until 31 October 2016 or until the completion of the cases to which he is or will be assigned, if sooner, is sought for the following judge:

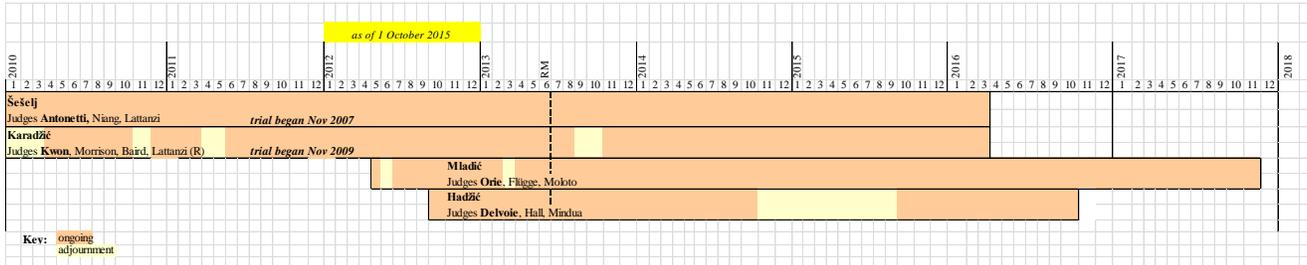
Judge Mindua (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

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

*(Signed)* Theodor **Merón**  
President

**Enclosure**

**Trial schedule of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia**



Note: (R) indicates “Reserved”.