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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. John Hocking, Registrar, ICTY/MICT

Copy: Judge Carmel Agius, President, ICTY
Judge Theodor Meron, President, MICT

From: Mr. Branko Lukić, President, ADC-ICTY

Date: 28 November 2016

Subject: Use of Video Telecommunications in the United Nations Detention Unit

Dear Mr. Hocking,

The ADC-ICTY is aware that Dr. Karadžić has recently requested the use video communication technology (Skype) in the United Nations Detention Unit (UNDU) to make contact with his family and friends.

The use of internet-based video communication systems is something which is now permitted for detainees in prisons in some countries. The ADC-ICTY is of the view that such a system would vastly improve the detention conditions of detainees at the UNDU.

The relatives of detainees at the UNDU are not residing in The Netherlands and in-person visits can be costly and therefore are infrequent. Equally the use of the telephones at the UNDU can be expensive for the detainees to use on a regular basis. One of the most serious aspects of being in detention can be the sense of isolation and the use of video communication technology would help alleviate this.

The ADC-ICTY hereby fully supports the request made by Dr. Karadžić and asks that the Registry considers making a video communication system available to all detainees at the UNDU in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the ADC-ICTY,

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President of the ADC-ICTY