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Introduction

- 1. In accordance with Rule 19(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal ("the Rules"), pursuant to Rule 6 of the Rules, I issue this Practice Direction in order to establish a procedure for the amending the regulations issued by the Registrar.
- 2. This Practice Direction will regulate the procedure for amendment of regulations issued by the Registrar, including but not limited to the Directive on Assignment of Defence Counsel. Directive on the Registry Judicial Department Court Management and Support Services, House Rules for Detainees, Regulations to Govern the Supervision of Visits to and Communications with Detainees, Regulations for the Establishment of a Complaints Procedure for Detainees, Regulations for the Establishment of a Disciplinary Procedure, Code of Professional Conduct for Defence Counsel Appearing before the Tribunal, Code of Ethics for Interpreters and Translators employed by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Submission of proposals

- 3. The Judges, the Prosecutor, and the Registry may submit proposals for amendments. Proposals shall be submitted in both working languages of the Tribunal and be addressed to the Deputy Registrar.
- 4. The Deputy Registrar shall, in consultation with the relevant Sections of the Registry, submit a report to the Registrar setting out the proposals.

Consultations

5. Before adopting an amendment the Registrar shall consult or seek the approval of the President or the Judges, as appropriate in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Adoption

6. The Registrar shall adopt an amendment by a decision, setting out the amendment in both working languages of the Tribunal, which shall be issued as an IT-document.

Distribution and entry in force

- 7. The amendment shall be registered and then distributed to all Judges, the Prosecutor, the Registrar and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs in New York.
- 8. The amendment shall enter into force seven days after the date of issue referred to in paragraph 6, above, unless otherwise indicated in the amendment.
- 9. An amended text of the entire document shall be issued.