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**International
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No.: ICC-01/04

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Claude Jorda, Presiding Judge
Judge Akua Kuenyehia
Judge Sylvia Steiner

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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DECISION TO CONVENE A STATUS CONFERENCE

The Office of the Prosecutor
Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo, Prosecutor

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I of the International Criminal Court (the "Court");

NOTING the information provided by the Prosecutor to Pre-Trial Chamber I regarding the progress of the investigation of the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (the "DRC"), in particular the information given at the meeting between the representatives of the Prosecutor and Pre-Trial Chamber I, held on 9 November 2004 (the "Meeting");

NOTING the letter from Pre-Trial Chamber I dated 7 December 2004 (the "Letter") requesting from the Prosecutor documents relating to the situation in the DRC;

NOTING the matters raised by the Prosecutor on 13 December 2004 in his response to the Letter (the "Response"), in particular the confidentiality of some of the documents requested;

NOTING the excerpts from the Draft Addendum to the General Policy Paper of the Office of the Prosecutor, provided by the Prosecutor to Pre-Trial Chamber I on 23 December 2004 (the "Excerpts from the Draft Addendum");

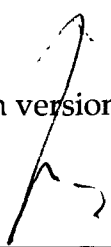
NOTING article 57, paragraph 3(c) of the Rome Statute of the Court as well as regulation 46, sub-regulation 2 and regulation 30 of the Regulations of the Court;

CONSIDERING that the substance of the Meeting, the Response and the Excerpts from the Draft Addendum provides information and raises matters relating to the situation in the DRC indicating the need for Pre-Trial Chamber I to provide *inter alia* for the protection of victims and witnesses and the preservation of evidence through the holding of a status conference;

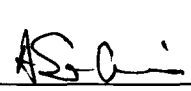
FOR THESE REASONS;

DECIDES to convene a status conference on the situation in the DRC to be held on 15 March 2005 by way of a hearing in closed session to be attended only by the Prosecutor and/or his representatives.

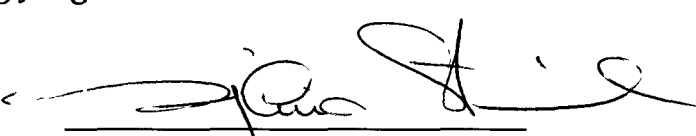
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Claude Jorda
Presiding Judge



Judge Akua Kuenyehia



Judge Sylvia Steiner

Dated this Thursday, 17 February 2005.

At The Hague,

The Netherlands.