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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Akua Kuenyehia, Single judge

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

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**Decision suspending the time limit for the submission of observations on
applications for participation in the proceedings**

The Office of the Prosecutor

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Lawyer

Office of Public Counsel for the defence

Mr Xavier-Jean Keïta, Principal Counsel

I, Judge Akua Kuenyehia, judge at the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);

NOTING the “Decision autorisant le dépôt d’observations sur les demandes de participation à la procédure”¹ issued by the Single Judge on 17 July 2007, authorizing the Office of the Prosecutor and the Office of Public Counsel for the defence (“the OPCD”) to present, no later than 30 days from the notification of the Applications for participation and the report submitted to the Chamber by the Registry (the “Report”), observations on the Applications for participation and the possibility of granting the applicants the status of victims authorized to participate in the proceedings before the Chamber at the investigation stage in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (the “Observations”);

NOTING the “Decision suspending the transmission of the “Rapport à la Chambre préliminaire I sur les demandes de participation a/0163/06 à a/0187/06””² rendered by the Single Judge on 19 July 2007, ordering the Registry to temporarily suspend the transmission of the Report, until otherwise decided by the Single Judge;

NOTING the “Public Redacted Version of Response to ‘Demande du représentant legal des victimes (expurgé)’”³ filed by the OPCD on 26 July 2007, requesting *inter alia* the Single Judge to clarify whether the deadline for filing observations began to run at the notification of the Applications for participation, and if so, to suspend the deadline pending the Single Judge’s decision on the requests of the legal representative;

NOTING article 68 of the Rome Statute and rules 89(1) and 91(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;

¹ ICC-01/04-358.

² ICC-01/04-360-Conf.

³ ICC-01/04-364.

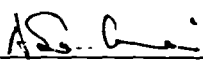
CONSIDERING that the deadline for the filing of the Observations by the Office of the Prosecutor and the OPCD starts to run from the notification of the Report and the Applications for participation;

CONSIDERING that the transmission by the Registry of the Report has been temporarily suspended, until otherwise decided by the Single Judge and that a decision on that issue is still pending before the Single Judge;

FOR THESE REASONS,

DECIDE to temporarily suspend the deadline for the filing of their Observations by the Office of the Prosecutor and the OPCD, until otherwise decided by the Single Judge.

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



Judge Akua Kuenyehia
Single judge

Dated this Tuesday 31 July 2007

At The Hague, The Netherlands