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Order concerning the transmission of further information on victims' applications

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a/0145/06, a/0148/06, a/0203/06, a/0214/06,
a/0220/06, a/0221/06, a/0224/06, a/0227/06
to a/0230/06, a/0234/06, a/0235/06,
a/0237/06 and a/0238/06.

I, Judge Sylvia Steiner, judge at the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);

NOTING the Applications for participation in the proceedings filed between 7 June 2006 and 25 April 2007 on a confidential and *ex parte* basis in the record of the investigation into the Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“the DRC”), by which the Applicants request to be granted the right to participate in the proceedings as victims at the investigation stage in the Situation in the DRC;¹

NOTING the reports on victims’ application for participation pursuant to regulation 86 (5) and (6) of the Regulations of the Court (“the Reports”) submitted to Pre-trial Chamber I on the aforesaid Applications filed by the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”);²

¹ ICC-01/04-152-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-153-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-157-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-158-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-159-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-160-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-178-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-179-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-180-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-181-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-182-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-183-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-184-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-185-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-186-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-187-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-188-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-189-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-190-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-191-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-192-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-193-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-194-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-195-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-196-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-197-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-198-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-199-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-200-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-201-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-202-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-203-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-204-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-205-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-206-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-207-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-208-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-171-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-172-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-173-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-174-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-175-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-176-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-215-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-216-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-216-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-217-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-217-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-218-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-218-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-219-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-220-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-221-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-222-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-223-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-224-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-224-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-225-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-225-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-227-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-231-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-232-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-233-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-235-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-234-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-236-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-237-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-238-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-239-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-240-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-264-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-264-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-265-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-265-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-266-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-266-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-267-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-267-Conf-Exp-Anx; ICC-01/04-268-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-324-Conf-Exp-Anx1; ICC-01/04-325-Conf-Exp-Anx1 to Anx40; ICC-01/04-326-Conf-Exp-Anx1 to Anx13 and ICC-01/04-327-Conf-Exp-Anx1 to Anx20.

² ICC-01/04-317-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-318-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-320-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-324-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-325-Conf-Exp; ICC-01/04-326-Conf-Exp and ICC-01/04-327-Conf-Exp.

NOTING the *"Décision autorisant le dépôt d'observations sur les demandes de participation à la procédure a/0004/06 à a/0009/06, a/00016/06 à a/0063/06 et a/0071/06"* rendered by the Chamber on 22 September 2006;³

NOTING the *"Décision autorisant le dépôt d'observations sur les demandes de participation à la procédure a/0072/06 à a/0080/06 et a/0105/06"* rendered by the Chamber on 29 September 2006;⁴

NOTING the decision authorising the Prosecution and the OPCD to file observations on the applications to participate a/0106/06 to a/0110/06; a/0188/06; a/0128/06 to a/0162/06; a/0199/06; a/0203/06; a/0209/06; a/0214/06; a/0220/06 to a/0222/06; a/0224/06; a/0227/06 to a/0230/06; a/0234/06 to a/0236/06; a/0240/06; a/0225/06; a/0226/06; a/0231/06 to a/0233/06; a/0237/06 to a/0239/06 and a/0241/06 to a/0250/06 rendered by the Single Judge on 23 May 2007;⁵

NOTING the *"Observations du Conseil ad hoc de la Défense sur les demandes de participation à la procédure a/0004/06 à a/0009/06, a/0016/06 à a/0063/06, a/0071/06 à a/0080/06 et a/0105/06 dans le cadre de l'enquête en République démocratique du Congo"* filed by the *ad hoc* Counsel for the defence in the record of the investigation in the Situation in the DRC on 28 November 2006;⁶

NOTING the *"Observation du Bureau du conseil public pour la Défense sur les demandes de participation à la procédure en qualité des Victimes"* filed by the

³ ICC-01/04-228.

⁴ ICC-01/04-241.

⁵ ICC-01/04-329-tEN.

⁶ ICC-01/04-314-Conf.

OPCD in the record of the investigation in the Situation in the DRC on 25 June 2007;⁷

NOTING the “Prosecution’s Observations on the Applications for Participation of Applicants a/0004/06 to a/0009/06, a/0016/06 to a/0063/06, a/0071/06, a/0072/06 to a/0080/06 and a/0105/06” filed by the Prosecution in the record of the investigation in the Situation in the DRC on 30 November 2006;⁸

NOTING the Prosecutor’s observations on the applications for participation a/0106/06 to a/0110/06, a/0128/06 to a/0162/06, a/0188/06, a/0199/06, a/0203/06, a/0209/06, a/0214/06, a/0220/06 to a/0222/06 and a/0224/06 to a/0250/06 filed in the record of the investigation in the Situation in the DRC on 25 June 2007;⁹

NOTING articles 57 (3) (c) and 68 of the Rome Statute (“the Statute”), rule 89 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“the Rules”) and regulation 86 of the Regulations of the Court (“the Regulations”);

CONSIDERING that pursuant to regulation 86 (4) of the Regulations, the Registrar may request further information from victims or those presenting an application in accordance with rule 89 (3) of the Rules, in order to ensure that such application contains, to the extent possible, the information referred to in regulation 86 (2) of the Regulations, before transmission to the Chamber;

⁷ ICC-01/04-347-Conf.

⁸ ICC-01/04-315, ICC-01/04-315-Conf-Exp-Anx.

⁹ ICC-01/04-345-Conf.

CONSIDERING that the Register has requested further information from Applicants a/0009/06, a/0018/06, a/0026/06, a/0027/06, a/0038/06, a/0144/06, a/0145/06, a/0148/06, a/0203/06, a/0214/06, a/0220/06, a/0221/06, a/0224/06, a/0227/06, a/0228/06, a/0229/06, a/0230/06, a/0231/06, a/0232/06, a/0233/06, a/0234/06; a/0235/06; a/0237/06, a/0238/06, a/0242/06, a/0243/06, a/0244/06, a/0245/06, a/0246/06, a/0247/06, a/0248/06, a/0249/06 and a/0250/06;

CONSIDERING that these further information received pursuant to regulation 86 (4) of the Regulations, although brought to the attention of the Chamber through the Reports, has not been appended to the related Applications and transmitted to the Prosecution and to the defence;

CONSIDERING that neither the Prosecution nor the *ad hoc* Counsel for the Defence and the OPCD have access to the Reports submitted to the Chamber;

CONSIDERING however that pursuant to rule 89 (1) of the Rules, the Prosecution and the defence are entitled to reply to the Applications transmitted pursuant to the Chamber's order; that the information obtained pursuant to regulation 86 (4) of the Regulations are part of the applications for participation; and that therefore both the Prosecution and OPCD shall be entitled to file observations on those further information;

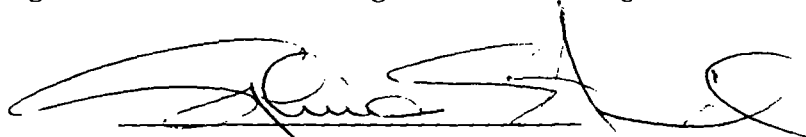
FOR THESE REASONS,

ORDER the VPRS to extract from the relevant Reports all the further information related to the Applications a/0009/06, a/0018/06, a/0026/06,

a/0027/06, a/0038/06, a/0144/06, a/0145/06, a/0148/06, a/0203/06, a/0214/06, a/0220/06, a/0221/06, a/0224/06, a/0227/06, a/0228/06, a/0229/06, a/0230/06, a/0231/06, a/0232/06, a/0233/06, a/0234/06; a/0235/06; a/0237/06, a/0238/06, a/0242/06, a/0243/06, a/0244/06, a/0245/06, a/0246/06, a/0247/06, a/0248/06, a/0249/06 and a/0250/06, and to transmit them to the OPCD with a copy of the Applications concerned and to the Prosecution within ten days from the notification of the decision;

DECIDE to give ten days from the notification of the further information to the Prosecution and the OPCD to submit observations on the Applications for which further information have been sent.

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



Judge Sylvia Steiner
Single judge

Dated this Friday 24 August 2007

At The Hague, The Netherlands.