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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 THE CONGO

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Decision on the Designation of a Single Judge

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I (“the Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);

NOTING the “*Decision Assigning the Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“the DRC”) to Pre-Trial Chamber I*”, issued by the Presidency on 5 July 2004;¹

NOTING article 39(2)(b)(iii) of the *Rome Statute* (“the Statute”), pursuant to which the functions of the Pre-Trial Chamber shall be carried out either by three judges of the Pre-Trial Division or by a single judge in accordance with the Statute and the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence*;

NOTING article 57(2)(b) of the Statute, pursuant to which a single judge of the Pre-Trial Chamber may exercise the functions provided for in this Statute, unless otherwise provided for in the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence* or by a majority of the Pre-Trial Chamber;

NOTING rule 7(1) of the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence* and regulation 47(1) of the *Regulations of the Court*, pursuant to which the designation of a single judge shall be based on criteria agreed upon by the Pre-Trial Chamber, including seniority of age and criminal trial experience;

CONSIDERING that at this stage of the proceedings concerning the situation in the DRC the designation of a single judge will ensure the proper and efficient functioning of the Chamber;

¹ ICC-01/04-1.

FOR THESE REASONS,

DECIDES to designate Judge Sylvia Steiner as single judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I for the situation in the DRC from 18 April to 21 May 2006, inclusively;

DECIDES that, subject to article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, the functions of Pre-Trial Chamber I concerning the situation in the DRC shall be carried out by the Single Judge from 18 April to 21 May 2006, inclusively.

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

/signed/

Judge Claude Jorda
Presiding Judge

/signed/

Judge Akua Kuenyehia

/signed/

Judge Sylvia Steiner

Dated this Wednesday 5 April 2006

At The Hague, The Netherlands