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Date: 28 January 2008

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Single Judge

Registrar: Mr. Bruno Cathala

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

**IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR
v. GERMAIN KATANGA**

Public

**Urgent Request for a Confidential *Ex Parte* Prosecution and VWU Only Hearing on
Witness Protection**

The Office of the Prosecutor

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The Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") respectfully requests the Single Judge to convene an urgent *ex parte*, hearing with the Prosecution and the Victims and Witnesses Unit ("VWU") later today in order to discuss matters relating to witness protection.

Background

1. On 24 January 2008, the Prosecution filed the "Prosecution's Submission of Information on Witness Protection" ("Submission").¹ The Prosecution stated in its Submission that it would request a hearing with the Single Judge if matters regarding the protection of witnesses on which it intends to rely for the purpose of the Confirmation Hearing were not resolved with the Registrar by Friday 25 January 2008.
2. On 25 January 2008, the VWU filed a report on witness protection.²
3. Considering the report filed by the VWU, the Prosecution requests the Single Judge to convene an urgent *ex parte*, hearing with the Prosecution and the VWU later today to clarify the different point of views between the Prosecution and the VWU in order for the Pre-Trial Chamber to exercise its duties of protection under the Statute. The Prosecution may request a ruling on the matter.



Luis Moreno-Ocampo
Prosecutor

¹ ICC-01/04-01/07-162.

² ICC-01/04-01/07-165-Conf-Exp.

Dated this 28th day of January 2008
At The Hague, The Netherlands