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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Presiding Judge
Judge Hans-Peter Kaul
Judge Mauro Politi

**SITUATION IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR
*v. Jean Pierre BEMBA GOMBO***

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Ex parte only available to The Registry

Transmission of redacted applications to participate in the proceedings

Source: Victims Participation and Reparations Section

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1. In its Decision dated 12 September 2008 on participation of victims,¹ the Single Judge ordered the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS) to transmit to the Chamber, no later than 30 days before the beginning of the confirmation of charges hearing, any complete applications to participate in the proceedings received, and to propose any redactions that it considers necessary for the protection of victims, and further, ordered that the Victims and Witnesses Unit (VWU) should be involved in determining what redactions might be necessary.
2. Today the VPRS has transmitted to the Chamber applications a/0390/08 to a/0396/08 and a/0455/08 to a/0481/08.
3. In its report dated 3 October 2008² the Registry submitted recommendations to the Chamber following consultations between the VPRS and the VWU. These included the question of whether applications should be redacted, the extent and scope of the redactions proposed and the other protective measures proposed.
4. In annex to the present report, the Registry is providing proposed redactions of the applications filed today. Since there have been no material changes in the circumstances since the filing of the first applications, the Registry makes reference to the same criteria set out in its report dated 3 October 2008.
5. The result of applying the same criteria, the Registry again recommends that redacted versions of all the applications be transmitted to the parties. Of the

¹ Décision relative à la participation des victimes, ICC-01/05-01/08-103

² Transmission of redacted applications to participate in the proceedings, ICC-01/05-01/08-140-Conf-Exp

34 applications filed today, 32 either request in their application form that their identities not be disclosed either to the Prosecution or to the Defence or both, or indicate some concern regarding their security in their application form. Further, all but one of the applicants points partly or exclusively to persons other than Jean Pierre Bemba as responsible for the harm alleged. Only applicant a/0463/08 neither requests that his identity not be disclosed to the parties nor implicates a person other than Mr. Bemba as being responsible for the alleged harm. For the reasons given in its report dated 3 October 2008, the Registry has prepared proposed redactions of all of the applications and recommends that all of them be transmitted in redacted form.

6. As in the report dated 3 October 2008, the Registry recommends that none of the applications should be made public at this stage.



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Dated this 07 November 2008

At The Hague, Netherlands