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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER III

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

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR
*v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO***

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**Observations of the Registry on the Proposed Schedule for the Confirmation of
Charges Hearing**

Source: The Registrar

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The Registrar of the International Criminal Court ("the Court"),

NOTING the "*Decision on the Evidence Disclosure System and Setting a Timetable for Disclosure between the Parties*"¹ issued by the Pre-trial Chamber III (the "Chamber") on 31 July 2008 and the "*Technical protocol ("e-Court Protocol") for the provision of evidence, material and Witness Information in electronic form for the confirmation of charges*"² filed as an annex to this decision;

NOTING the « *Décision fixant la date de l'audience de confirmation des charges* »³ issued by the Chamber on 31 October 2008;

NOTING the "*Decision Requesting Observations on the Proposed Schedule for the Confirmation of charges Hearing*"⁴ (the "Decision") issued by the Chamber on 21 November 2008 and its annex⁵;

NOTING article 61 of the Rome Statute and regulations 28, 36, 52, 53 and 64 of the Regulations of the Registry;

CONSIDERING that in its decision, the Chamber has requested the Registrar to submit her observations in relation to several raised issues and on a proposed hearing schedule;

¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-55

² ICC-01/05-01/08-55-Anx

³ ICC-01/05-01/08-199

⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-267

⁵ ICC-01/05-01/08-267-Anx

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS the following observations:

Presentation of evidence during the Confirmation of Charges hearing

Since each evidence has been assigned a single EVD number⁶, when referring to its specific page and for the purpose of its presentation during a hearing, its ERN⁷ shall also be specified.

The evidence which the participants intend to use during the hearings shall be submitted at least three full working before the scheduled hearing⁸.

Proposed Schedule

The Schedule as proposed by the Chamber can almost entirely be supported.

In relation to the 8 December schedule the following limitations apply:

1. For technical reasons, sessions longer than two hours can not be supported⁹.
2. Interpretation can not support sessions longer than two hours without a break in between¹⁰.

⁶ In accordance with the "Decision on the Evidence Disclosure System and Setting a Timetable for Disclosure between the Parties"(ICC-01/05-01/08-55)

⁷ Evidence Registration Number

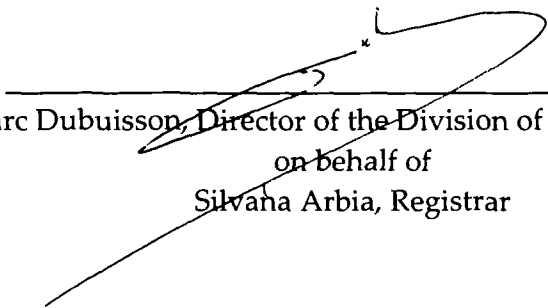
⁸ Regulation 52 of the Regulations of the Registry

⁹ Thirty minutes of break is needed to set the audiovisual equipment in order so as to support the following session

¹⁰ Regulation 64 of the Regulations of the Registry

The following is suggested:

The morning session should be split in two sessions separated by a thirty minutes break. The first session (covering 1.i and 1.ii) could last from 10 to 11.30 a.m. and the second one (covering 1.iii) from 12 p.m. to 13 p.m.



Marc Dubuisson, Director of the Division of Court Services
on behalf of
Silvana Arbia, Registrar

Dated this 25 November 2008

At The Hague, Netherlands