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**International
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Court**

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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***

Public Document

Decision Designating a Single Judge

Decision to be notified, in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court*, to:

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Legal Representatives of the Victims

Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

**The Office of Public Counsel for the
Defence**

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

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Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER III (the “Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”), having been assigned with the situation in the Central African Republic,¹ from which emanates the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* (the “Case”), is considering the proper organisation of the related proceedings for the upcoming period.

1. Pursuant to article 39(2)(b)(iii) of the Rome Statute (the “Statute”), 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 of that division in accordance with the Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the “Rules”).
2. Pursuant to article 57(2)(b) of the Statute, in all cases other than those listed in article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, a single judge of the Pre-Trial Chamber may exercise the functions provided for in the Statute, unless otherwise provided for in the Rules or by a majority of the Pre-Trial Chamber.
3. According to rule 7(1) of the Rules and regulation 47(1) of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”), the designation of a single judge shall be based on objective pre-established criteria agreed upon by the Pre-Trial Chamber, including consideration of the issues involved, the circumstances of the proceedings before the Chamber, the distribution of work within the Chamber and the proper management and efficiency in the handling of cases.
4. The Chamber considers that in light of the abovementioned criteria, in particular the upcoming confirmation hearing, the need to ensure proper management and efficiency in the handling of the Case, it is appropriate to designate Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova as a single judge responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber in relation to the Case, except for all victims’ issues in relation thereto.²

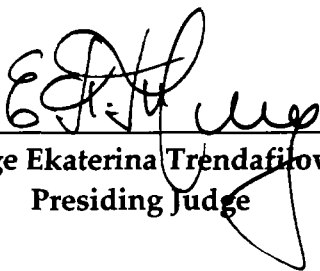
¹ Presidency, Decision assigning the situation in the Central African Republic to Pre-Trial Chamber III, ICC-01/05-1.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-204.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER

designates Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova as a single judge of Pre-Trial Chamber III responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber in relation to the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, except for all victims' issues until decided otherwise.

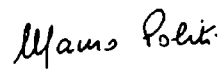
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
Presiding Judge



Judge Hans-Peter Kaul



Judge Mauro Politi

Dated this Wednesday, 26 November 2008

At The Hague, The Netherlands