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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge

SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR V. BAHAR IDRIS ABU GARDA

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Decision on the Schedule for the Confirmation Hearing

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

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Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
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Victims and Witnesses Unit

Defence Support Section

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

I, Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I ("the Chamber") at the International Criminal Court ("the Court");

NOTING the "Decision on the Prosecutor's requests for extension of time limit" of 11 September 2009, whereby the Single Judge decided, *inter alia*, to re-schedule the confirmation hearing to 19 October 2009;¹

NOTING the "Decision Distributing the Proposed Schedule for the Confirmation Hearing" of 2 October 2009;²

NOTING the "Defence's list of issues on jurisdiction, admissibility or concerning the proper conduct of the proceedings leading to the confirmation hearing" ("the Defence's List") of 7 October 2009;³

NOTING the "Observations of the Registry on the proposed schedule of the Confirmation of Charges hearing" ("the Registry's Observations") of 7 October 2009;⁴

NOTING the "Defence's Observations on the proposed schedule for the confirmation hearing" ("the Defence's Observations") of 7 October 2009;⁵

¹ ICC-02/05-02/09-98.

² ICC-02/05-02/09-129 and ICC-02/05-02/09-129-Anx1.

³ ICC-02/05-02/09-142.

⁴ ICC-02/05-02/09-143.

⁵ ICC-02/05-02/09-144.

NOTING the “Prosecution’s Observations on the proposed schedule for the confirmation hearing and the list of those issues on jurisdiction and admissibility and concerning the proper conduct of the proceedings leading to the confirmation hearing, that the Prosecution intends to raise pursuant to rule 122(2) and (3) of the Rules” (“the Prosecution’s Observations”) of 7 October 2009;⁶

NOTING articles 61, 67, 68 and 69 of the Statute of the Court, rules 63, 87, 121, 122 and 140 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulation 20 of the Regulations of the Court;

CONSIDERING that in the Defence’s List and the Defence’s Observations, the Defence submitted that at this stage it does not intend to raise any issues on jurisdiction, admissibility or concerning the proper conduct of the proceedings and therefore expressed no objection to shortening the time period allocated for discussion on such issues;

CONSIDERING that in the Prosecution’s Observations, the Prosecution (i) submitted that it does not intend to raise any issues on jurisdiction and admissibility and (ii) envisaged the possibility of raising issues concerning proper conduct of the proceedings;

CONSIDERING that in the Registry’s Observations, the Registry requested the Chamber (i) to consider changing the second session of those days where two

⁶ ICC-02/05-02/09-145.

session of two hours are scheduled to start earlier and (ii) to authorize journalists to take pictures at the beginning of the confirmation of charges hearing;

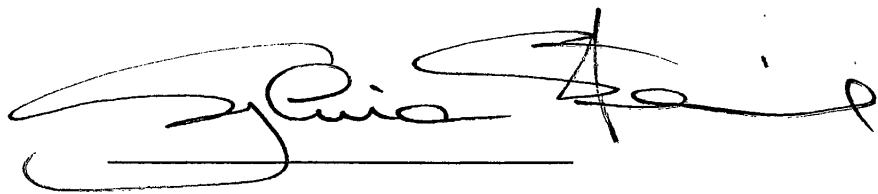
CONSIDERING that in the event that any party does not use the time allocated to it in the final schedule attached to the present decision, the Chamber may decide, for the sake of efficiency and where appropriate, to anticipate a presentation even if not scheduled for that same day and that, therefore, parties are expected to be prepared at any time and flexible;

FOR THESE REASONS,

DECIDE to distribute to the parties and the participants the final schedule for the confirmation hearing in Annex I to the present decision.

AUTHORISE journalists to take pictures at the beginning of the confirmation of charges hearing.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Steiner', written over a horizontal line.

Judge Sylvia Steiner

Presiding Judge

Dated this Tuesday, 13 October 2009

At The Hague, The Netherlands