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TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Adrian Fulford, Presiding Judge
Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito
Judge Joyce Aluoch

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo

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**Defence Submission to Inform Trial Chamber III of the Status of the Proceedings
in the Central African Republic**

Source: Defence Team for Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo

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1. The Defence Team for Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo hereby informs Trial Chamber III that its arguments at the status conference on 27 April 2010, as well as its application of 14 May 2010,¹ are specifically based on the existence of an application to the Court of Cassation of the Central African Republic [*pourvoi en cassation*], dated 16 April 2010.

2. On 19 April 2010, the Defence informed Trial Chamber III of the existence of the latter application.²

3. On 17 May 2010, in support of the said application, Counsel for Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo filed a Brief within the legal time-limits laid down by the Organic Law on the Organisation and Functioning of the Court of Cassation of the Central African Republic.³

4. It follows that all of the arguments contained in its Response⁴ and in its initial Application challenging the admissibility of the present case, in particular the suspensive effect, remain unaffected, notwithstanding the decision by the Indictments Chamber of the Bangui Appeals Court⁵ on the Application for Review [*Opposition*], notified by the Bangui authorities to the Registry of the Court.

¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-776-Conf.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-757 and 3 annexes.

³ See Confidential Annex A.

⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-776-Conf.

⁵ ICC-01/05-01/08-790-Conf + Anxs.

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Dated this 11 June 2010
At The Hague, The Netherlands