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No.: **ICC-01/05-01/08**

Date: **7 July 2011**

THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Erkki Kourula, Presiding Judge
Judge Sang-Hyun Song
Judge Akua Kuenyehia
Judge Anita Ušacka
Judge Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. Jean-Pierre BEMBA GOMBO***

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**Response of the Legal Representative of Victims to the *Order on applications for
victim participation***

Source: Ms Douzima-Lawson Marie-Edith, Legal Representative of Victims

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1. On 27 June 2011, Pre-Trial Chamber III rendered a decision entitled *Decision on Applications for Provisionnal Release*¹ denying the applications for Jean-Pierre Bemba's interim release and exeat to perform his civic duties on Congolese territory, and thereby ordering his continued detention.
2. On 29 June 2011, Mr Bemba filed a notice of appeal against that decision, "*Notification d'Appel de la Défense contre la décision de la Chambre de Première instance III du 27 juin 2011 intitulée « Decision on Applications for Provisionnal Release »*".²
3. On 1 July, Mr Bemba filed a "Document in support of Defense Appeal against Trial Chamber III's decision on Applications for Provisional Release, dated 27 June 2011".³
4. In that document, Mr Bemba prayed the Appeals Chamber to overturn the impugned decision and petitioned his interim release for, *inter alia*, the judicial recess of 15 July 2011 and his travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo before 21 July 2011 to enable him to enrol on the electoral register.
5. In light of these requests, the Appeals Chamber considered that, in the circumstances, it was appropriate, in order to expedite the appeal proceedings, to inquire of the victims whether they wish to participate therein.
6. The Appeals Chamber recalled that applications for participation in appeals must be made by victims as soon as possible and, in any event, before the date of filing of the response to the document in support of the appeal.⁴

¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-1565-Conf.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-1573-Conf.

³ ICC-01/05-01/08-1586-Conf.

⁴ ICC-01/04-01/06-1335, Appeals Chamber, 16 May 2008, para. 12.

7. Accordingly, the Chamber directed victims wishing to participate in the present appeal to file their applications by 16.00 on Thursday 7 July 2011.

FOR THESE REASONS

8. The Legal Representative of Victims respectfully requests the Appeals Chamber to authorize her to participate in the appeals proceedings.
9. The personal interests of the victims whom I represent are deeply affected by these proceedings in several respects which I wish to explain.

[signed]

Ms Douzima-Lawson Marie-Edith

Dated this 7 July 2011

At The Hague, The Netherlands