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**International
Criminal
Court**

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

Date: 15 December 2011

TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge
Judge Joyce Aluoch
Judge Kuniko Ozaki

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

Confidential

Order granting leave to reply

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

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Ms Petra Kneuer

Counsel for the Defence

Mr Nkwebe Liriss
Mr Aimé Kilolo Musamba

Legal Representatives of the Victims

Mr Assingambi Zarambaud
Ms Marie-Édith Douzima-Lawson

Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims

Ms Paolina Massidda

The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar

Ms Silvana Arbia

Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Other
Reparations Section**

Other

Trial Chamber III ("Chamber") of the International Criminal Court in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* issues the following Order granting leave to reply.

1. On 12 December 2011, the defence filed its "Requête de Mise en liberté provisoire de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo" ("Application").¹
2. On 14 December 2011, the Office of the Prosecutor ("prosecution") and the legal representatives of victims filed their observations on the Application.
3. On 15 December 2011, the defence filed its "Request for leave to reply under Regulation 24(5) of the Court" [sic] ("Request"),² in which it seeks leave to reply to three points raised in the observations of the prosecution and the legal representatives.³ The defence explains that "it has prepared the reply in question, and as such is just waiting for the Chamber's authorization to introduce this filing without any further delay."⁴
4. The Chamber is of the view that it may benefit from receiving additional observations from the defence on the three points identified in the Request. For this reason, the Chamber grants the defence leave to reply to those three discrete points.
5. The defence reply may not exceed five pages of text and may not recount procedural history. It shall be filed no later than 10:00 on Friday, 16 December 2011.

¹ Requête de Mise en liberté provisoire de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, 12 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-2000-Conf, and three confidential annexes.

² Request for leave to reply under Regulation 24(5) of the Court, 15 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-2010-Conf.

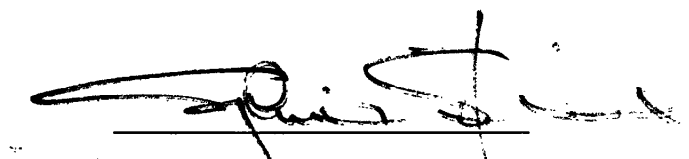
³ ICC-01/05-01/08-2010-Conf, paragraph 2.

⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-2010-Conf, paragraph 3.

6. For the foregoing reasons, the Chamber:

- a. GRANTS the defence's Request for leave to reply, pursuant to Regulation 24(5) of the Regulations; and
- b. ORDERS that the defence's reply shall be filed no later than 10:00 on Friday, 16 December 2011.

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


Judge Sylvia Steiner

Judge Joyce Aluoch



Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this 15 December 2011

At The Hague, The Netherlands