

**Cour
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**International
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Court**



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No.: **ICC-01/05-01/08**
Date: **25 January 2012**

THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Anita Ušacka, Presiding Judge
Judge Sang-Hyun Song
Judge Akua Kuenyehia
Judge Erkki Kourula
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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**Defence response to the “Application of Legal Representative of Victims
Mr Zarambaud Assingambi for leave to participate in the appeals proceedings
following the Defence appeal of 9 January 2012 and addendum of 10 January
2012”**

Source: Defence team of Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo

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**Unrepresented Applicants
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1. The Defence takes formal note of the Legal Representatives' application and defers to the Appeals Chamber's discretion on this matter.
2. It is surprising that the Representatives refrained both from participating in the initial application before the Trial Chamber and from taking advantage of the opportunity offered them to submit their observations following the Defence appeal.
3. However, should the Appeals Chamber decide to grant the Legal Representatives' application, the Defence reserves the right to reply.

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Dated this 25 January 2012

At The Hague, The Netherlands