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**International  
Criminal  
Court**

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**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***

**URGENT  
Confidential**

**Decision shortening time for observations on the  
«Prosecution Request for Additional Examination Time for Witnesses CAR-  
OTP-PPPP-0015 and CAR-OTP-PPPP-0036»**

**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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**Counsel for the Defence**

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**Legal Representatives of the Victims**

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**Legal Representatives of the Applicants**

**Unrepresented Victims**

**Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for Victims**

**The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence**

**States Representatives**

**Amicus Curiae**

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**Registrar**

Ms Silvana Arbia

**Defence Support Section**

**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

**Detention Section**

**Victims Participation and 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 Decision shortening time for observations on the "Prosecution Request for Additional Examination Time for Witnesses CAR-OTP-PPPP-0015 and CAR-OTP-PPPP-0036".

1. On 2 February 2012, the Office of the Prosecutor ("prosecution") filed its "Prosecution Request for Additional Examination Time for Witnesses CAR-OTP-PPPP-0015 and CAR-OTP-PPPP-0036" ("Request"),<sup>1</sup> urging the Chamber to approve additional examination time for Witness CAR-OTP-PPPP-0015 ("Witness 15") and Witness CAR-OTP-PPPP-0036 ("Witness 36"). In particular, the prosecution requests the Chamber to approve 13 hours of examination for Witness 15 and up to ten hours of examination for Witness 36. Compared to its initial estimate,<sup>2</sup> this request amounts to an extension of six hours for Witness 15 and an extension of three hours for Witness 36.<sup>3</sup>
2. Given that Witness 15 and Witness 36 are scheduled to testify as of 7 February 2012 and 16 February 2012 respectively,<sup>4</sup> and pursuant to Article 64(6)(f) of the Rome Statute and Regulations 24 and 34 of the Regulations of the Court, the Chamber finds that a reduction of the time limit for the filing of observations on the Request, if any, is warranted. In their observations, the defence and the legal representatives of victims ("Legal Representatives") shall specify whether they have any objections to the Request and whether the Request might have an impact on the estimate of their own questioning time of the witnesses.

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<sup>1</sup> Prosecution Request for Additional Examination Time for Witnesses CAR-OTP-PPPP-0015 and CAR-OTP-PPPP-0036, 2 February 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2012-Conf.

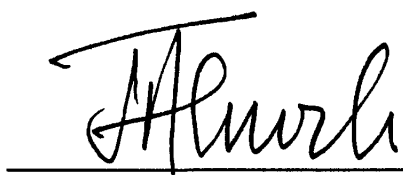
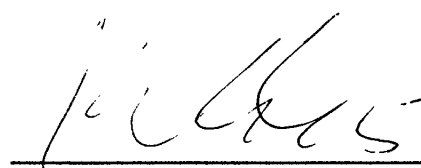
<sup>2</sup> Prosecution's Revised Order of its Witnesses at Trial and Estimated Length of Questioning, 26 October 2010, ICC-01/05-01/08-975-Conf, paragraph 2.

<sup>3</sup> ICC-01/05-01/08-2012-Conf, paragraphs 1, 5 and 9.

<sup>4</sup> See the prosecution's latest tentative witness schedule sent to the Chamber, parties and participants by email of 31 January 2012, at 12.03.

For these reasons, the Trial Chamber hereby ORDERS the defence and the Legal Representatives to file their observations on the Request, if any, no later than by 16.00 on Monday, 6 February 2012.

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

  
Judge Sylvia Steiner  
Judge Joyce Aluoch  
Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this 03 February 2012

At The Hague, The Netherlands