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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***

Public

With Confidential annexes, *EX PARTE* only available to the Registry

**Twenty-third transmission to the Trial Chamber of applications
for participation in the proceedings**

Source: Registry

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

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The Registrar of the International Criminal Court (the "Court");

NOTING Trial Chamber III's ("Chamber") decision issued on 22 February 2010 ordering that complete applications for participation in the proceedings that appear, *prima facie*, to be linked with the charges confirmed against the accused be provided to the Chamber ("22 February 2010 Decision");¹

NOTING the order of the Chamber, conveyed by email on 16 September 2010, that applications for participation in the proceedings received by the Registry be transmitted to the parties in redacted form on an ongoing basis as and when they are prepared, and in accordance with the guidelines on redactions provided in the 22 February 2010 Decision;²

NOTING the order of the Chamber, conveyed by email on 26 August 2010, that in relation to all future applications the Registry should systematically notify the respective legal representatives of the applicants of the redacted versions of applications as notified to the parties;³

NOTING the Chamber's decision issued on 8 July 2011 setting the date of 16 September 2011 as the final deadline for the submission to the Registry of any new victims' applications for participation in the trial;⁴

NOTING the instruction of the Chamber, conveyed by email on 15 February 2012, that the Registry transmits by 6 March 2012 any incomplete applications for participation received before the deadline of 16 September and that were completed through information obtained after 16 September 2011;⁵

¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-699.

² Email of 16 September 2010 from Legal Advisor, Trial Division, to Director, Division of Court Services ("DCS") and Chief, Victims Participation and Reparation Section ("VPRS").

³ Email of 26 August 2010 from Legal Officer ("LO"), Trial Chamber III to Assistant Legal Officer ("ALO"), DCS.

⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-1590, para. 25.

⁵ Email of 15 February 2012 from ALO, Trial Division, to ALO, VPRS.

NOTING article 68(3) of the Rome Statute, rule 89(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulations 23 *bis*, 24 *bis* (2) and 86(5) of the Regulations of the Court;

CONSIDERING that the annexes are filed with the status “Confidential *ex parte*, only available to the Registry”, in order to sufficiently protect the identity of the applicants and their intermediaries when applicable;

CONSIDERING that 69 applications for participation received in the present case have been processed and redacted in accordance with the guidelines established by the Chamber;⁶

CONSIDERING that the applications transmitted fall within three categories: (1) applications that have not been previously transmitted to the Chamber; (2) applications that have been previously transmitted to the Chamber and were rejected;⁷ and (3) applications that have been previously transmitted to the Chamber and in relation to which a decision by the Chamber is pending;⁸

CONSIDERING that because of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the applicant and of the Registry, the identity document provided by applicant a/0487/11 could not be appended to the application form and that a consolidated version of the application will be transmitted to the Chamber, the Parties and the victims’ Legal Representatives as soon as feasible;

CONSIDERING that the Registry will transmit these applications in redacted form to the parties and the legal representatives of the applicants in accordance with the Chamber’s instructions;⁹

⁶ ICC-01/05-01/08-699, para. 33.

⁷ a/2153/10; a/2659/10; a/3232/10 and a/0321/11.

⁸ a/0397/11 and a/16576/11.

⁹ Email of 26 August 2010 from LO, Trial Chamber III to ALO, DCS.

CONSIDERING that the Registry will also prepare and transmit to the Chamber an individual report for each of the applications annexed to this report;

TRANSMITS the 69 applications to participate in the proceedings to the Chamber.



Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Court Services
per delegation of the Registrar

Dated this 6 March 2012

At The Hague, The Netherlands