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Court**

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Date: 21 August 2012

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***

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**Decision shortening time for observations on the
“Defence Motion Regarding Prosecution Disclosure”**

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

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Ms Petra Kneuer

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Mr Peter Haynes

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Ms Marie Edith Douzima-Lawson

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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

Registrar

Ms Silvana Arbia

Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

Victims Participation and Reparations Section

Other

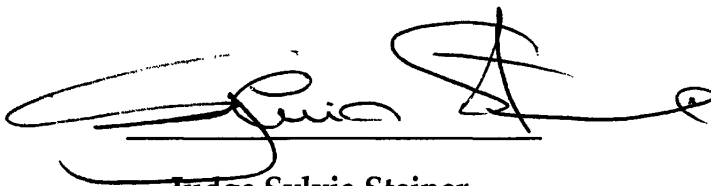
Trial Chamber III ("Chamber") of the International Criminal Court in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* issues the following Decision shortening time for observations on the "Defence Motion Regarding Prosecution Disclosure".

1. On 17 August 2012, the Defence for Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba ("defence") filed its "Defence Motion Regarding Prosecution Disclosure" ("Application"),¹ requesting that the Chamber order the Office of the Prosecutor ("prosecution") to: (i) conduct a full review of all relevant databases and archives, and provide the defence with any additional disclosable material in its possession, by 31 August 2012; (ii) formally certify that it has fully complied with its disclosure obligations by 31 August 2012; (iii) be precluded from using or relying on any undisclosed material in its possession as at 31 August 2012 in the present proceedings.²
2. In making this ruling, the Chamber has considered, in accordance with Article 21(1) of the Rome Statute ("Statute"), Article 64(2) of the Statute and Regulation 34 of the Regulations of the Court.
3. Taking into account the proposed deadline the defence is requesting the Chamber to impose on the prosecution for compliance with its disclosure obligations, and in order for the Chamber to be able to rule on the Application promptly, the time limit for the filing of observations needs to be reduced.
4. For these reasons, the Chamber hereby ORDERS that the prosecution file its observations on the Application, if any, by no later than 16.00 on 23 August 2012.

¹ Defence Motion Regarding Prosecution Disclosure, 17 August 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2269-Conf.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-2269-Conf, paragraph 21.

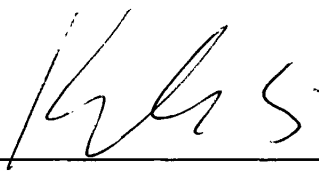
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Sylvia Steiner



Judge Joyce Aluoch



Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this Tuesday 21 August 2012

At The Hague, The Netherlands