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TRIAL CHAMBER V

Before: Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Presiding
Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert
Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO and JOSHUA ARAP SANG***

Public

Decision on the prosecution's request for extension of the page limit for its pre-trial brief

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

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Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
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Victims and Witnesses Unit

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**Victims Participation and Reparations
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Others

Trial Chamber V (“Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court in the case of *The Prosecutor v. William Samoei Ruto and Joshua Arap Sang*, pursuant to Regulation 37 of the Regulations of the Court (“Regulations”), renders the following Decision on the prosecution’s request for extension of the page limit for its pre-trial brief.

1. On 9 July 2012, the Chamber instructed the Office of the Prosecutor (“prosecution”) to file a pre-trial brief explaining its case with reference to the evidence it intends to rely on at trial.¹ This brief is to contain, for each count, a summary of the relevant evidence of each witness to be relied on at trial and all other evidence upon which the prosecution intends to rely, and shall clearly explain how the evidence relates to the charges.²
2. On 14 December 2012, the prosecution submitted its “Prosecution’s Request for Extension of the Page Limit for its Pre-Trial Brief” (“Request”).³ The prosecution seeks the Chamber’s authorisation to extend the standard 20 page limit to 75 pages,⁴ arguing that this extension is justified because: (i) of the nature of the pre-trial brief and the scope of the issues to be addressed therein,⁵ (ii) of the fact that this case involves two accused⁶ and (iii) other Chambers have granted similar requests.⁷
3. On 2 January 2013, the defence teams filed a consolidated response which did not object to the Request being granted.⁸

¹ Decision on the schedule leading up to trial, 9 July 2012, ICC-01/09-01/11-440, para. 15.

² ICC-01/09-01/11-440, para. 15.

³ ICC-01/09-01/11-513.

⁴ ICC-01/09-01/11-513, para. 5.

⁵ ICC-01/09-01/11-513, paras 2-3.

⁶ ICC-01/09-01/11-513, para. 3.

⁷ ICC-01/09-01/11-513, para. 4, *citing* Decision on prosecution's request for extension of page limit, 10 December 2007, ICC-01/04-01/06-1070; Order on prosecution's request for extension of the page limit of updated “Summary of Presentation of Evidence”, 23 May 2008, ICC-01/04-01/06-1350; Order granting the Prosecution's Application for Extension of the Page Limit of its Summary of Presentation of Evidence, 29 October 2009, ICC-01/05-01/08-578.

⁸ Joint Defence Response to Prosecution’s Request for Extension of the Page Limit for its Pre-Trial Brief, 2 January 2013, ICC-01/09-01/11-525 (notified 3 January 2013).

4. The Chamber considers that the reasons advanced in the Request justify acting pursuant to Regulation 37(2) of the Regulations⁹ to extend the page limit for the pre-trial brief to 75 pages. In particular, exceptional circumstances exist for granting this page limit extension because of: (i) the length and complexity of the charges which are to be addressed in the pre-trial brief, (ii) the fact that there are multiple accused in this case and (iii) the benefits to the defence and the Chamber of a more detailed articulation of the prosecution's case.

THE CHAMBER HEREBY

GRANTS the Request.

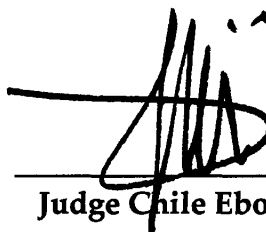
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Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Presiding



Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert



Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

Dated 4 January 2013

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁹ "The Chamber may, at the request of a participant, extend the [20 page standard] page limit in exceptional circumstances".