

**Cour
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**International
Criminal
Court**

Original: English

No.: ICC-01/05-01/13

Date: 18 February 2014

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Single Judge

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR V. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO,
AIMÉ KILOLO MUSAMBA, JEAN-JACQUES MANGENDA KABONGO, FIDÈLE
BABALA WANDU AND NARCISSE ARIDO***

Confidential ex parte Registry

**Decision on the "Victims and Witnesses Unit's observations and application to
extend the time limit in relation to the Single Judge Order ICC-01/05-01/13-182"
dated 14 February 2014**

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Counsel for Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo

Counsel for Aimé Kilolo Musamba

Counsel for Jean-Jacques Mangenda Kabongo

Counsel for Fidèle Babala Wandu

Legal Representatives of the Victims

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

REGISTRY

Registrar

Defence Support Section

Herman von Hebel, Registrar

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

Patrick Craig

Victims Participation and Reparations Section

Other

I, Judge Cuno Tarfusser, having been designated as Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court;

NOTING the “Victims and Witnesses Unit’s observations and application to extend the time limit in relation to the Single Judge Order ICC-01/05-01/13-182” dated 14 February 2014,¹ (i) submitting observations as to the need to prepare “explanations and commentaries” to accompany the information to be provided to the Prosecutor and the Defence teams pursuant to the Single Judge’s “Decision on the ‘Prosecution request to obtain evidence from the Victims and Witnesses Unit dated 10 february 2014” dated 12 February 2014² and (ii) requesting an extension of one week of the 19 February 2014 time-limit set therein for the provision of the requested information to the parties;

NOTING regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court;

NOTING that the VWU, whilst submitting that it encounters “limitations” in relation to the provision of information on several specific points, also submits that there is some information which it is able to provide to the parties without such provision raising issues in respect of outstanding protective measures;

CONSIDERING that, accordingly, the VWU should proceed to provide to the parties all the requested information which is available to it, whenever and to the extent that such provision does not violate existing protective measures or otherwise jeopardise the safety and security of the relevant witnesses;

CONSIDERING that, accordingly, in identifying the information which can be provided, the VWU shall duly assess any and all implications that the provision of information might have on outstanding protective measures, including those referred to in paragraph 12 of its observations;

CONSIDERING that this is without prejudice to the fact that the VWU might submit to the Chamber additional clarifications or explanations relating either to the context relevant to the provided information, or to the reasons justifying its failure to provide certain information;

¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-197-Conf-Exp.

² ICC-01/05-01/13-182.

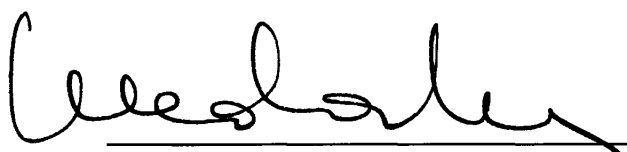
CONSIDERING that those additional clarifications or explanations can be provided separately from the provision of the available information to the parties;

CONSIDERING that the extension of time was requested on the basis of the need to prepare the additional "explanations and commentaries" to accompany the provision of information;

FOR THESE REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE

REJECTS the Application for an extension of time.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and strokes, positioned above a horizontal line.

Judge Cuno Tarfusser
Single Judge

Dated this Tuesday, 18 February 2014

At The Hague, The Netherlands