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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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Prosecution's Response to "*Requête de la Représentant légale des victimes relative à l'augmentation du nombre de pages autorisé afin de répondre aux «Closing Brief of Mr. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo» (ICC-01/05-01/08-3121-Conf)*"

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1. The Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") supports the Request by the Legal Representative of Victims for an extension of 15 pages for her Response to the Defence Closing Brief to allow her to sufficiently address the arguments submitted by the Defence in relation to the victims previously represented by the late Maître Zarambaud Assingambi.¹

2. Upon further review of the Defence Closing Brief, following the issues of incomplete transcript references and real page count that were initially raised,² the Prosecution notes that the current form of the Defence Closing Brief exceeds the page limit imposed by the Chamber. A thorough analysis of the Brief reveals that it contains 127,871 words rather than 122,413 as stipulated at the end of the Defence Closing Brief. The excess of over 5,000 words amounts to approximately 16 to 17 additional pages. The Prosecution discovered that the Defence in fact exceeded the page limit by utilising a font-size different from the 12 point typeface stipulated in Regulation 36(3) of the Regulations of the Court. Moreover, had the Defence used the regulated typeface per Regulation 36(3), it would have clearly exceeded the 412 pages allocated by the Chamber.



Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Dated this 5th Day of September 2014
At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-3132, *Requête de la Représentante légale des victimes relative à l'augmentation du nombre de pages autorisé afin de répondre aux « Closing Brief of Mr. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo »* (ICC-01/05-01/08-3121-Conf, 3 September 2014).

² ICC-01/05-01/08-3126-Red, Prosecution Request for a corrected version of the Defence Closing Brief and extension of time to file a response, 29 August 2014, para. 5.