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**International
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TRIAL CHAMBER VI

Before: Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge
Judge Kuniko Ozaki
Judge Geoffrey Henderson

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. BOSCO NTAGANDA***

CONFIDENTIAL

**Request for an Extension of Time to Report on
Consultations with Victims on the System for Legal Representation
Pursuant to Regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court**

Source: Registry

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

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Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)**

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Other

The Registrar of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);

NOTING the Decision on victims’ participation in trial proceedings notified on 6 February 2015, issued by Trial Chamber VI (the “Chamber”), whereby the Chamber directed *inter alia* the Registry: (i) to consult with the victims who participated in the present case during the confirmation stage on the Legal Representative’s continued representation; and (ii) report back to the Chamber as to the result of this consultation within 21 days (the “Decision of 6 February 2015”);¹

NOTING article 68 (3) of the Rome Statute, rules 16 and 90 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court (the Regulations”) and regulation 112 of the Regulations of the Registry;

CONSIDERING that, in order to implement the Decision of 6 February 2015, the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (the “VPRS”) intends to conduct a consultation of a representative sample of victims to be met in groups and individually as soon as the mission can be undertaken;

CONSIDERING that such mission cannot start before 19 February 2015 due to the heavy workload of the Court’s Bunia field office to support various field activities by different organs of the Court and in light of technical issues;²

CONSIDERING that in order to consult with the sample of victims the Registry will need to visit a number of separate localities, and that it will then need to transmit the

¹ ICC-01/04-02/06-449, paragraph 54 and page 24. The Registry notes that this deadline will expire on 27 February 2015.

² Since the IT essential systems are being upgraded in the Bunia field office until 18 February, the transmission to the VPRS HQ of the results of the consultation would not have been feasible.

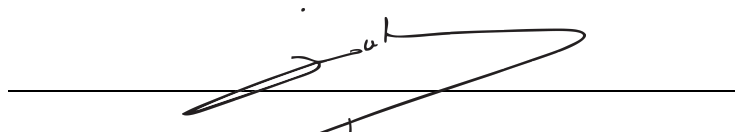
results to The Hague, analyse the data from the interviews with the victims and produce a report that will be as useful as possible for the Chamber, all of which will take time;

CONSIDERING that, as a consequence of the above the Registry is foreseeing serious difficulties in complying with the deadline of 21 days;

CONSIDERING that, although the Registry is doing its utmost, there are serious difficulties which may prevent it from filing its report on time;

CONSIDERING that the Registry finds it preferable to draw the Chamber's attention to the abovementioned difficulties sufficiently in advance and to apply for an extension of the aforesaid deadline;

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS the Chamber to grant the Registry an extension of 15 days – in addition to the 21 days already granted in the Decision of 6 February 2015 - for the submission of its report on consultations on legal representation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dubuisson', is written over a horizontal line.

Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Court Services

per delegation of the Registrar

Dated this 19 February 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands