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TRIAL CHAMBER VII

Before: Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, Presiding Judge
Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion
Judge Robert Fremr

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

IN THE CASE OF

***THE PROSECUTOR v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO, AIME KILOLO
MUSAMBA, JEAN-JACQUES MANGENDA KABONGO, FIDELE BABALA WANDU
AND NARCISSE ARIDO***

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Prosecution's Response to the Bemba Defence's Request for an Extension of Time

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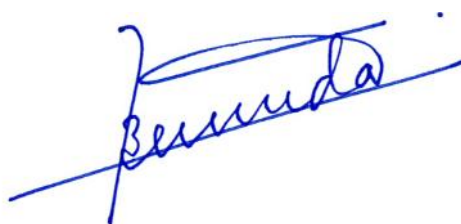
I. Submission

1. The Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") does not oppose the Bemba Defence's requested extension of time to respond to the Prosecution's submission on the appointment of counsel ("Request").¹ The seriousness of the issues raised in the Prosecution's submission merits a considered response and proper resolution.

2. Given the circumstances addressed in the Request,² Trial Chamber VII may, in the exercise of its plenary authority to ensure the fair and expeditious conduct of the proceedings, consider it appropriate to direct the Registry promptly to assign qualified counsel to advise Mr Bemba on the alleged impediment to his current representation and the related conflicts of interest.

II. Confidentiality

3. This Response is classified as "Confidential" because it refers to filings of the same designation.



Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Dated this 6th Day of March 2015
At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-833-Conf; see ICC-01/05-01/13-819-Conf, reclassified on 23 February 2015.

² ICC-01/05-01/13-833-Conf, paras.6, 8-12.