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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Presiding Judge
Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion
Judge Bertram Schmitt

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

IN THE CASE OF

THE PROSECUTOR

v. LAURENT GBAGBO and CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ

PUBLIC

**Prosecution's response to Defence request for clarification and extension of time
(ICC-02/11-01/15-14)**

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Submission

1. On 11 March 2015, Trial Chamber I (“the Chamber”) ordered the Parties, the Legal Representative of Victims and the Registry “to indicate by 7 April 2015 any objection to any party or participant being granted access to any confidential document or material on the Blé Goudé and Gbagbo case records” (“Order”).¹ On 27 March, the Defence sought a clarification of the Order and – depending upon the clarification given – an extension of the 7 April deadline by three weeks.²
2. The Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution” or “OTP”) has no comments on the part of the Defence’s request seeking a clarification. However, in relation to the request for an extension, if such an extension was to be granted by the Chamber, the Prosecution requests that the deadline also be extended to the other Parties and participants.
3. The Prosecution to date has identified a number of topics and consequently submissions and documents that may need to remain confidential to one of the Parties. For the purposes of completeness and in order to avoid any mistakes, the Prosecution would benefit from any extension of the set deadline.
4. Additionally, the Prosecution is also currently making progress in seeking the lifting of confidentiality restrictions in place for some documents in the former *Blé Goudé* case. The outcome of these advanced discussions may lead to the reclassification of a number of documents but are unlikely to be finalised by the deadline of 7 April.

¹ ICC-02/11-01/15-1, p. 33.

² ICC-02/11-01/15-14.

Conclusion

5. The Prosecution requests, if the Chamber was to grant an extension, that it also be extended to the other Parties and participants.



Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Dated this 1st day of April 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands