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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Single Judge

SITUATION IN UGANDA

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. DOMINIC ONGWEN***

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Prosecution's Request for a New Date for the Impending Status Conference

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1. In the “Decision on issues related to disclosure and exceptions thereto” of 23 April 2015 (the “Order”) the Single Judge fixed the date of Monday 11 May 2015 for the holding of a status conference in this case.
2. The Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) respectfully requests that the date of the status conference be moved to the following day, Tuesday 12 May 2015.
3. The reason for the request is that the Senior Trial Lawyer conducting the case for the Prosecution has a prior professional engagement on Monday 11 May 2015. He has, for some weeks now, been engaged to lead a seminar for students following a Masters course in international criminal law at Leiden University on that day.
4. The Prosecution acknowledges that hearings of the Pre-Trial Chamber have primacy over any such academic engagements and, equally, that the Senior Trial Lawyer could delegate the conduct of the status conference to other lawyers in his team.
5. On the other hand it will, at such short notice, be difficult, or impossible, for Leiden University to obtain a substitute seminar leader.
6. Furthermore, given that this is the first status conference over which the current Single Judge will be presiding and the first at which Counsel for the Defence will be present, it is highly desirable that the Prosecution should be represented by the Senior Trial Lawyer with overall control of the case.
7. The Prosecution accepts that such a request is exceptional in its nature and that Parties must always be ready to appear before the Court as and when ordered to do so. In this case the Prosecution believes that good and exceptional cause for the request has been shown.

8. The Prosecution has consulted the Defence and understands that the Defence make no objection to the request for a delay of one day.
9. In the circumstances the Prosecution's application is for the variation of the order fixing the date for the status conference, substituting the date of 12 May 2015 for the date specified in the Order.



Fatou Bensouda,
Prosecutor

Dated this 29th day of April 2015
At The Hague, The Netherlands