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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, Single Judge

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR V. LAURENT GBAGBO***

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**Decision on the "Prosecution's request for extension of page limit for the
Document Containing the Charges"**

Decision to be notified, in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court, to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor
Fatou Bensouda, Deputy Prosecutor

Counsel for the Defence

Emmanuel Altit
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Legal Representatives of the Victims

Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims

The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar & Deputy Registrar

Silvana Arbia, Registrar
Didier Preira, Deputy Registrar

Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

Victims Participation and Reparations Section

Other

Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, Single Judge for Pre-Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court (“Chamber”), responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber in relation to the situation in the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire and the cases emanating therefrom,¹ hereby issues the decision on the “Prosecution’s request for extension of page limit for the Document Containing the Charges”.²

1. On 23 November 2011, Pre-Trial Chamber III issued an arrest warrant for Laurent Gbagbo (“Mr Gbagbo”),³ who was transferred to the Court on 30 November 2011. On 5 December 2011, the first appearance of Mr Gbagbo was held before the Court. During the first appearance hearing, Pre-Trial Chamber III scheduled the commencement of the Hearing for 18 June 2012.⁴

2. On 11 May 2012, the Prosecutor filed the “Prosecution’s Request for extension of page limit for the Document Containing the Charges” (“Prosecutor’s Request”) whereby he “requests an extension of the page limit applicable to the Document Containing the Charges, to 50 pages, pursuant to Regulation 37(2) of the Regulations of the Court.”⁵

3. The Single Judge notes regulation 37(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”), according to which, “[t]he Chamber may, at the request of a participant, extend the page limit in exceptional circumstances.”

4. The Single Judge is persuaded by the submission of the Prosecutor that the requested extension of page limit will enable him to present the relevant facts and circumstances of his case in sufficient detail, and to provide the Defence detailed notice of the charges.

¹ Décision portant la désignation d’un juge unique, ICC-02/11-01/11-61.

² ICC-02/11-01/11-111.

³ Warrant of Arrest For Laurent Gbagbo, 23 November 2011, ICC-02/11-01/11-1.

⁴ ICC-02/11-01/11-T-1-ENG, p. 8.

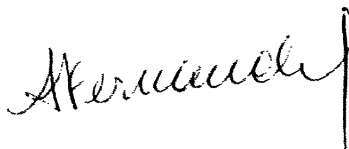
⁵ ICC-02/11-01/11-111, p.3.

5. In light of the foregoing, the Single Judge is of the view that the reasons presented by the Prosecutor justify the requested extension within the meaning of regulation 37(2) of the Regulations. Accordingly, it is reasonable to grant the Prosecutor's Request and allow him to submit a Document Containing the Charges beyond the regular page limit provided for in regulation 37(1) of the Regulations.

FOR THESE REASONS,

GRANTS the Prosecutor's Request.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi

Single Judge

Dated this 14 May 2012

At The Hague, The Netherlands