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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Single Judge

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ***

Public

Order reducing the time limit to file responses to ICC-02/11-02/11-201

Order to be notified, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court*, to:

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Legal Representatives of Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparation**

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Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
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Others

Judge Geoffrey Henderson, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber I (respectively, 'Single Judge' and 'Chamber') of the International Criminal Court ('Court'), in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé* ('Blé Goudé case'), having regard to Regulations 24, 34 and 35 of the Regulations of the Court ('Regulations'), issues the following 'Order reducing the time limit to file responses to ICC-02/11-02/11-201'.

1. On 22 December 2014, the Office of the Prosecutor ('Prosecution') requested the Chamber to join *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo* ('Gbagbo case') and the *Blé Goudé case* ('Joinder Request').¹
2. On 6 January 2015, the Single Judge in the *Gbagbo* case granted a Defence request for extension of time for any response to the Joinder Request (ICC-02/11-01/11-738) to 21 days from notification of its French translation, as well as the French translation of the Decision on the confirmation of charges against Charles Blé Goudé ('Blé Goudé Confirmation Decision').² On the same day, the Chamber extended the deadline for any response to the Joinder Request in the present case to the same date.³
3. On 23 January 2015, the Chamber issued an order scheduling a status conference on 13 February 2015 and setting a provisional agenda. The Chamber instructed the parties and participants to file their observations on

¹ Prosecution's Request to join the cases of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent GBAGBO* and *The Prosecutor v. Charles BLÉ GOUDÉ*, 22 December 2014, ICC-02/11-02/11-194, with public annex. See also *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo*, Prosecution's Request to join the cases of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo* and *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé*, 16 December 2014, ICC-02/11-01/11-738, with public annex.

² Pre-Trial Chamber I, Decision on the confirmation of charges against Charles Blé Goudé, 11 December 2014, ICC-02/11-02/11-186. See also partly dissenting opinion of Judge Van den Wyngaert, ICC-02/11-02/11-186-Anx.

³ Decision on 'Counsel's request to withdraw pursuant to Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court' and extension of deadline for response, 6 January 2015, **ICC-02/11-02/11-197**. See also, *Gbagbo* case, Decision on the Defence challenge to the Chamber's competence to hear the Prosecution's Joinder Request and on its request for a variation of the response deadline, 6 January 2015, ICC-02/11-01/11-744.

the issues mentioned in the provisional agenda and to indicate whether they wished to add any item to the agenda.⁴

4. On 26 January 2015, the defence for Mr Blé Goudé ('Defence') filed an urgent request seeking, *inter alia*, an extension of time to respond to the Joinder Request ('Defence Request').⁵
5. The Single Judge notes that the French versions of the *Blé Goudé* Confirmation Decision and of the Joinder Request were notified respectively on 20 and 21 January 2015, and that therefore any response to the Joinder Request is due by 12 February 2015. Accordingly, the Chamber considers it necessary to expedite the receipt of any responses to the relief sought in the issue specified in paragraph 47(b) of the Defence Request.

⁴ Order scheduling a status conference and setting a provisional agenda, 23 January 2015, **ICC-02/11-02/11-200**.

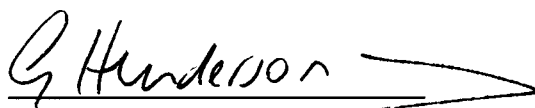
⁵ Urgent Defence submissions on the need to have adequate time and facilities to prepare for trial and extension of time to respond to joinder request, 26 January 2015, **ICC-02/11-02/11-201, with confidential annexes 1-4, paras 37-44, and 47 (b)**.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

ORDERS the Prosecution and the Legal Representative of Victims to file responses, if any, to the Defence request for extension of time in relation to the Joinder Request, by 2 February 2015; and

DECIDES that responses to the remainder of the Defence Request shall be made in the context of the submissions prior to and during the status conference scheduled on 13 February 2015.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "G. Henderson", followed by a long horizontal line that ends in a large arrowhead pointing to the right.

Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Single Judge

Dated 28 January 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands