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SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ

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Defence observations on 147 applications for victim status

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Charles Blé Goudé ("the Suspect") hereby presents observations on the 147 applications for victim status in his case¹ transmitted by the Registrar pursuant to paragraph 44(ii) of the Single Judge's *Decision on victims' participation in the pre-trial proceedings and related issues* of 11 June 2014.²

1. The Suspect notes the similarity between the applications for victim status filed in the present instance and those transmitted by the Registrar previously ("the Gbagbo victims").³

2. The Suspect thus reiterates the same submissions that he presented with respect to the Gbagbo victims.⁴ The Suspect does not wish to rehearse arguments pertaining to his alleged (and strenuously denied) linkage to the crime base when that very matter will form a core issue at the confirmation hearing.

3. Accordingly, the Suspect leaves the grant of victim status to the discretion of the Single Judge without prejudice to his intention to rely on the contents of each and every application, where necessary, as exonerating evidence at confirmation.



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¹ ICC-02/11-02/11-95 & 96.

² ICC-02/11-02/11-83.

³ ICC-02/11-02/11-87 & 88.

⁴ ICC-02/11-02/11-89.