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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. LAURENT GBAGBO and CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ***

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**Decision on the Prosecution request for an extension of page limit for the Pre-Trial
Brief**

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

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Mr Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops
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Ms Paolina Massidda

Legal Representatives of 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

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Mr Herman von Hebel

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Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Others

Judge Geoffrey Henderson, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber I ('Single Judge' and 'Chamber', respectively) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo and Charles Blé Goudé*, having regard to Regulation 37 of the Regulations of the Court ('Regulations'), issues the following 'Decision on the Prosecution request for an extension of page limit for the Pre-Trial Brief'.

1. On 7 May 2015, the Chamber ordered the Office of the Prosecutor ('Prosecution') to file a pre-trial brief containing a summary of evidence intended to be relied upon at trial and explaining how that evidence relates to the charges ('Pre-Trial Brief') by 16 July 2015.¹
2. On 3 July 2015, the Prosecution filed a motion requesting an extension of page limit up to 300 pages for the Pre-Trial Brief ('Request').² It submits that the complexity of the case, which involves two accused charged with four counts of crimes against humanity, warrants granting an extension of pages.³
3. On 6 July 2015, by way of email, the Single Judge shortened the deadline for response to the Request to 9 July 2015.⁴
4. On the same day, the Legal Representative of Victims informed the Single Judge that she does not intend to respond to the Request.⁵
5. On 8 July 2015, the Defence team for Mr Gbagbo⁶ and the Defence team for Mr Blé Goudé⁷ indicated that they would not respond either.
6. The Single Judge notes the scope of the charges to be addressed in the Pre-Trial Brief, as well as the requirement that, for each count, the Prosecution must set out

¹ Order setting the commencement date of trial, ICC-02/11-01/15-58, para. 26.

² Prosecution's Request for an Extension of the Page Limit, ICC-02/11-01/15-120 (notified on 6 July 2015).

³ Request, ICC-02/11-01/15-120, paras 2 and 6-7.

⁴ Email from the Single Judge to the parties and participants on 6 July 2015 at 14:55.

⁵ Email from the Legal Representative of Victims to the Single Judge on 6 July 2015 at 15:02.

⁶ Email from the Defence team for Mr Gbagbo to the Single Judge on 8 July 2015 at 16:47.

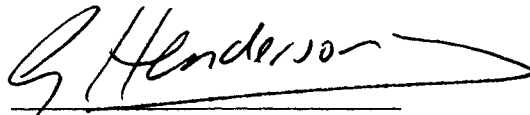
⁷ Email from the Defence team for Mr Blé Goudé to the Single Judge on 8 July 2015 at 17:36.

the relevant evidence upon which it intends to rely, and how that evidence relates to the charges in respect of both Accused. While the Single Judge stresses the importance of clarity and brevity, in this particular case, the Single Judge is satisfied that exceptional circumstances warrant granting an extension of pages up to 300 pages.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

GRANTS the Request.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Henderson', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Single Judge

Dated 10 July 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands