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**International
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Court**

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TRIAL CHAMBER VII

Before: Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, Presiding Judge
Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion
Judge Bertram Schmitt

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

IN THE CASE OF

***THE PROSECUTOR v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO,
AIMÉ KILOLO MUSAMBA, JEAN-JACQUES MANGENDA KABONGO, FIDÈLE
BABALA WANDU and NARCISSE ARIDO***

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with one Public Annex**

Observations from the Republic of France on Interim Release

Source: The Registry

Document to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

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THE REGISTRY of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”):

NOTING the “Order Requesting Observations from Relevant States on Interim Release” (“the Order”) rendered by Trial Chamber VII on 24 June 2015¹;

NOTING the “Observations from the 5 host States on Interim Release” (“the Observations”) filed by the Registry on 15 July 2015²;

NOTING Articles 60(3) and 61(11) of the Rome Statute (“the Statute”), Regulation 51 of the Regulations of the Court;

CONSIDERING that the Chamber ordered the Registry to invite the Kingdom of the Netherlands; the Kingdom of Belgium; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of France (France) to submit any observations on the interim release of the accused by 14 July 2015, dated 24 June 2015;

CONSIDERING that the Chamber’s order was notified by the Registry to the relevant States on 26 June 2015;

CONSIDERING that on 29 June 2015, a French translation of the Order was transmitted on the same day to the relevant authorities in France, the Kingdom of Belgium and the Democratic Republic of the Congo by way of Notes Verbales;

CONSIDERING that the Registry filed the “Observations” on 15 July 2015, containing the observations received from all relevant States until that day, to the exception of the observations from France;

¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-1029.

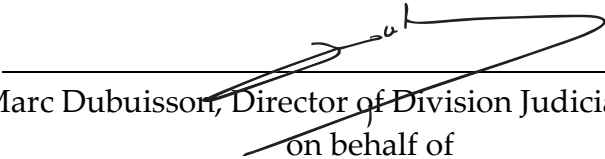
² ICC-01/05-01/13-1088.

CONSIDERING that the Registry indicated that it would liaise with the said authorities to receive the said observations;

INFORMS the Chamber that on 30 July 2015 the Registry received a Note Verbale from the Embassy of France indicating that the authorities have not been able to submit the observations within the time frame set by the Chamber due to the time needed to translate the request and the re-organisation of the relevant services, dated 28 July 2015 (Annex I);

TRANSMITS in annex the *note verbale* from the Embassy of the Republic of France dated 28 July 2015;

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Marc Dubuisson, Director of Division Judicial Services,
on behalf of
Herman von Hebel, Registrar

Dated this 5 August 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands