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TRIAL CHAMBER VI

Before: Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge
Judge Kuniko Ozaki
Judge Chang-ho Chung

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR V. BOSCO NTAGANDA***

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**Notice on behalf of Mr Ntaganda on his right to make an unsworn oral statement
as part of the opening statements**

Source: Defence Team of Mr Bosco Ntaganda

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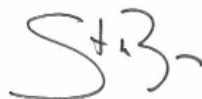
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Further the “*Decision on the conduct of proceedings*” issued by the Trial Chamber VI (“Chamber”) on 9 July 2015 (“Decision”),¹ Counsel representing Mr Ntaganda (“Defence”) hereby submit this:

**Notice on behalf of Mr Ntaganda on his right to make an unsworn oral statement
as part of the opening statements**

1. On 2 June 2015, the Chamber ordered the Defence to notify the Chamber, the Prosecution and the LRVs, if Mr Ntaganda intends to make an unsworn statement during the opening statements no later than eight days prior to the commencement of trial.²
2. On 3 July 2015, the Chamber postponed the opening statements until 2 – 4 September 2015.³
3. Although Mr Ntaganda has yet to make a final decision in this regard, the Defence hereby notifies the Chamber that Mr Ntaganda will likely exercise his right, pursuant to Article 67(1)(h), to make a short unsworn statement at the end of the Defence opening statement.
4. Pursuant to the Chamber’s Decision, the time understood used for such statement will be part of the time allotted to the Defence to present its opening statement.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED ON THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST 2015



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¹ ICC-01/04-02/06-619.

² Decision, footnote 9.

³ Decision on the Defence Request for adjournment, ICC-01/04-02/06-T-22-CONF-ENG, p.5, ll.10-13.