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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Presiding Judge
Judge Olga Herrera-Carbuccia
Judge Bertram Schmitt

SITUATION IN COTE D'IVOIRE

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. LAURENT GBAGBO AND CHARLES BLE GOUDE***

Public

Corrigendum to the "Defence Observations on 'Requête de la Défense afin que les déclarations d'ouverture du procès aient lieu en Côte d'Ivoire ou du moins en Afrique, '" (ICC-02/11-01/15-222)

Source: Defence of Mr Charles Blé Goudé

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1. On 25 September 2015, the Defence of Laurent Gbagbo (“Gbagbo Defence”) requested Trial Chamber I to recommend to the Presidency the holding of the opening statements in Côte d’Ivoire, or alternatively in Arusha.¹ Mr. Blé Goudé agrees with the principle of bringing all the victim communities of the Ivorian post-electoral crisis of 2010-2011 closer to the proceedings, and that such principle would be served by holding the opening statements in any location that is closer to them, such as Abidjan or Arusha. Furthermore, he supports any measure that would contribute to the reconciliation of different communities in his country.²

2. Therefore, Mr. Blé Goudé would not be opposed to the holding of the opening statements in Africa, namely in Abidjan or Arusha. Mr. Blé Goudé’s only wish is that the trial be held in a manner, which contributes best to establishing the truth, whether it is in Abidjan, Arusha, or The Hague.



Mr. Knoops, Lead Counsel and Mr. N’Dry, Co-Counsel

Dated this
28 September 2015
At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹ Requête de la Défense afin que les déclarations d’ouverture du procès aient lieu en Côte d’Ivoire ou du moins en Afrique, 24 September 2015, ICC-02/11-01/15.

² See Abidjan.net, “ Colloque du Cojep / Mindaoudou félicite Blé Goudé pour sa contribution à la paix” available at : <http://news.abidjan.net/h/555626.html>