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Judge Joyce Aluoch
Judge Kuniko Ozaki

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR
*V. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO***

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Prosecution's Request for Extension of Page Limit of its Sentencing Submissions

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I. Introduction

1. In its “Decision on ‘Defence Request for clarification of the Decision on the timetable and on the sentencing procedure’ and related issues”,¹ Trial Chamber III (“Chamber”) requested the Parties and the Legal Representative to make submissions (“Sentencing Submissions”) on the principles to be applied by the Chamber when considering the appropriate sentence to be imposed, and their views on the appropriate sentence, taking into account any aggravating and mitigating factors in accordance with rule 145 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”). The Chamber further ordered the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) to file its Sentencing Submissions by 11 April 2016 and that the Sentencing Submissions shall not exceed 30 pages.²

II. Request for Extension of Page Limit

2. In order to comply with the Chamber’s order, the Prosecution requests an extension of the page limit for the filing of its Sentencing Submissions to 40 pages pursuant to regulation 37(2) of the Regulations of the Court (“Regulations”).

3. Pursuant to the above-mentioned provision, a Party may apply for an extension of the page limit in exceptional circumstances. The Prosecution submits that the scope of issues to be addressed in its Sentencing Submissions warrants such an extension.

4. The Prosecution’s submissions will cover, in fact, both principles and jurisprudence relevant to the determination of the sentence against Jean-Pierre

¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-3344, 21 March 2016.

² *Ibid.*, paras. 8, 9 and 11.

Bemba Gombo, and a discussion of findings from the Judgment³ and pieces of evidence presented at trial, which are relevant to the determination of the appropriate sentence, in light of the several factors and circumstances listed in article 78 of the Rome Statute and rule 145 of the Rules.

5. Given the importance of the issues to be dealt with in the above-mentioned document, and the quantity of findings and evidence that the Prosecution intends to submit to the Chamber's attention, the Prosecution requests an extension of the page limit to adequately cover these issues in a meaningful manner that would assist the Chamber in the determination of the appropriate sentence.

6. The Prosecution submits that the reasons set out above constitute exceptional circumstances within the meaning of regulation 37(2) of the Regulations.

III. Relief Sought

7. Accordingly, the Prosecution respectfully requests that the Chamber grant an extension of the page limit for the filing of the Prosecution's Sentencing Submissions to 40 pages.



Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Dated this 4th Day of April 2016

At The Hague, The Netherlands

³ ICC-01/05-01/08-3343, Judgment pursuant to Article 74 of the Statute, 21 March 2016.