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TRIAL CHAMBER VII

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut
Judge Raul Pangalangan

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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Narcisse Arido's Notice of Closing of Defence Evidence Presentation

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I. SUBMISSIONS

1. On 18 April 2016, through email, Trial Chamber VII ('Trial Chamber') directed the Defence parties to file a notice, comparable to that of the Prosecution,¹ as regards the close of their presentation of evidence, subject to the resolution of the outstanding evidence applications.²
2. On 20 April 2016, the Arido Defence wrote to the Trial Chamber to bring an issue to its attention.³ In decision ICC-01/05-01/13-1774, on the 6 April, the Single Judge ordered the Kilolo Defence to make various materials ('Kilolo Defence materials') available to other Defence teams upon request. The Arido Defence sought this material. Upon a cursory review, these materials comprised numerous documents, of which the vast majority were written in Dutch. As no member of the Arido Defence team can speak or understand Dutch, a method of review was needed. The Arido Defence has found a solution to the review of these documents, but the review of this material is not yet complete.
3. Therefore, the Arido Defence hereby notifies the Trial Chamber of the close of its presentation of evidence, subject to the identification of any further material within the Kilolo Defence materials relevant to the defence of Mr. Arido.
4. Finally, the Arido Defence notes that although the close of evidence is not the completion of trial, it takes this opportunity to reserve its right to request a separate sentencing process pursuant to Article 76(2).



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Dated this 21st Day of April 2016

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¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-1499.

² Email of 18 April 2016, subject line: 'Notice of closing of defence evidence presentation'.

³ Email of 21 April 2015, subject line: 're: Notice of closing of defence evidence presentation and the Dutch materials from ICC-01/05-01/13-1774'.