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Judge Geoffrey Henderson
Judge Chang-ho Chung

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO***

PUBLIC

With confidential Annexes I and III and public redacted Annex II

**Registry's observations pursuant to Trial Chamber Order ICC-01/05-01/08-3410
of 22 July 2016**

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I. Introduction

1. The Registry, in accordance with Trial Chamber III's "Order requesting submissions relevant to reparations" ("Trial Chamber" and "22 July 2016 Order ", respectively)¹, submits its observations on several issues relevant to reparations in the case *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* ("Case"), as well as its report on the security situation in Central African Republic ("CAR").

II. Classification

2. Pursuant to regulation 23bis of the Regulations of the Court, Annex I to the present submission is classified as confidential as it contains identifying information related to victims participating in the Case and potential beneficiaries of reparations. Annex II is the public redacted version of Annex I, in which identifying information has been redacted. Annex III is classified as confidential as it contains sensitive information regarding the current security situation in the CAR, as well as confidential information regarding the *modus operandi* of the Court in the field, including security protocol and mitigation measures.

III. Applicable Law

3. The Registry submits the present observations relevant to reparations ("Observations") in light of article 75(1) of the Rome Statute, rules 16, 94 and 97 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and ("Rules"), regulations 86(9) and 88 of the Regulation of the Court ("RoC"), regulation 110(2) of the Regulations of the Registry ("RoR"), and pursuant to the 22 July 2016 Order.

¹ Trial Chamber III, "Order requesting submissions relevant to reparations", dated 22 July 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3410.

IV. Procedural background

4. Pursuant to article 68(3) of the Rome Statute ("Statute"), 5,229 victims were authorised to participate at the trial stage of the case *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* ("Case").²
5. On 21 March 2016, Trial Chamber issued its "Judgment pursuant to article 74", finding Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba guilty, under article 28(a) of the Statute, of the crimes of murder, rape and pillaging ("Judgment").³
6. On 21 June 2016, the Trial Chamber issued its "Decision on Sentence pursuant to Article 76 of the Statute" ("Sentencing Decision").⁴
7. On 22 July 2016, the 22 July 2016 Order, setting the deadline of 15 September 2016 for, *inter alia*, the Registry to submit observations on several issues relevant to reparations in the Case.⁵
8. On 25 August 2016, following several requests for extension of time to submit their observations relevant to reparations filed by the defence team for Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo ("Defence"),⁶ the legal representative of victims ("LRV"),⁷ and the Registry,⁸ the Chamber granted an extension of time-limit

² Trial Chamber III, "Judgment pursuant to Article 74 of the Statute", dated 21 March 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3343, para 18.

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

⁴ Trial Chamber III, "Decision on Sentence pursuant to Article 76 of the Statute" dated, 21 June 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3399."

⁵ Trial Chamber III, "Order requesting submissions relevant to reparations", dated 22 July 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3410, paras. 7 and 9.

⁶ Defence, "Defence Request for an Extension of Time to File Submissions Relevant to Reparations", dated 16 August 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3423.

⁷ LRV, "Réponse de la Représentante légale des victimes [sic] à « Defence Request for an Extension of Time to File Submissions Relevant to Reparations »", dated 22 August 2016 and registered 23 August 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3426.

⁸ Registry, "Request for an extension of time to file submissions relevant to reparations", dated 23 August 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3427.

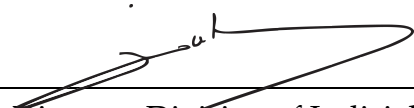
until 17 October 2016 to submit observations as outlined in the 22 July 2016 Order.⁹

9. On 7 October 2016, following a request for extension of time filed by the Trust Fund for Victims (“TFV”), the Trial Chamber further extended the time limit until 31 October 2016 for all parties and participants to submit their observations on reparations in the Case.¹⁰

V. Submissions

10. Pursuant to the 22 July 2016 Order, the Registry respectfully submits:

- Annex I: Confidential Registry’s Observations;
- Annex II: Public redacted version of the Registry’s Observations;
- Annex III: Confidential Registry’s Report on the Security Situation in CAR.



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per delegation of the Registrar

Dated this 31 October 2016

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁹ Trial Chamber III, “Order on the Requests for extension of time to file submissions relevant to reparations”, dated 25 October 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3429.

¹⁰ Trial Chamber III, “Order on the Trust Fund for Victims’ request for an extension of the time limit”, dated 7 October 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3442.