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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Presiding Judge
Judge Olga Herrera-Carbuccia
Judge Geoffrey Henderson

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

IN THE CASE OF

THE PROSECUTOR

v. LAURENT GBAGBO and CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ

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**Prosecution's request for an extension of the page limit for its consolidated application
under rule 68**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 23 January 2017, the Trial Chamber ordered the Prosecution to file a consolidated application under rule 68 (“consolidated application”) of all its remaining witnesses.¹ Pursuant to regulation 37(2) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”), the Prosecution requests that the 20-page limit prescribed by regulation 37(1) of the RoC be extended to a maximum of 35 pages for its consolidated application.

II. SUBMISSIONS

2. By virtue of its consolidated nature, the application requires a greater number of pages than has previously been the case for applications under rule 68. The Prosecution intends to apply under rule 68 in respect of almost all crime base and chain of custody witnesses for the 3 March 2011, 17 March 2011 and 12 April 2011 incidents, plus 12 other witnesses who provide insider, overview and/or authentication evidence. An extension of the page limit would allow the Prosecution to make fuller submissions on the specific factors that make the witnesses’ evidence appropriate for submission under rule 68.

3. The Prosecution further intends to submit, within its consolidated application, a request for the submission of documentary evidence under paragraph 43 of the directions on the conduct of the proceedings (“paragraph 43 application”).² The documentary evidence relates to Witnesses P-0087 and P-0088, whose statements will be included in the consolidated application. Including this paragraph 43 application within the consolidated application will allow the Chamber to consider the submission of these witnesses’ statements with important related documents, as a whole.

¹ ICC-02/11-01/15-787, p. 6.

² ICC-02/11-01/15-498-AnxA, para. 43.

III. CONCLUSION

4. For the foregoing reasons and pursuant to regulation 37(2) of the RoC, the Prosecution requests the Chamber to grant an extension of the page limit applicable to the consolidated application to a maximum of 35 pages.



Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Dated this 22nd day of February 2017

At The Hague, The Netherlands