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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, Presiding Judge
Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng
Judge Howard Morrison
Judge Piotr Hofmański
Judge Geoffrey A. Henderson

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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Urgent Request for Extension of Time to Submit the Appeal Brief

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Mr. Aimé Kilolo Musamba, through his Counsel (“the Defence”), hereby respectfully makes this urgent request for a modest extension until 24 April 2017 to submit his Appeal Brief. This request is made necessary because CSS informed the Defence today that TRIM will be offline from 14 April 2017 until 20 April 2017 in order to switch to another software, Record Manager. CSS stated that “TRIM will be **inaccessible**, major functionalities such as read/search/update/share/download etc. of documents in TRIM will **not be** possible,” and that “Court records **will not** be accessible via TRIM.” CSS confirmed that this blackout affects the entire court as it migrates to Record Manager. The blackout dates coincide with the due date for the submission of the appeal briefs: 18 April 2017. Access to Court records is essential during this most critical period. In finalizing the brief, the Defence must edit and double-check all supporting authorities. The TRIM blackout effectively amounts to a shortening of time for the filing of the appeal brief, imposing a significant burden on the parties, who have no control over the circumstances. A modest extension of four working days to file the appeal brief is reasonable and necessary and does not prejudice the parties.

Respectfully submitted, 4 April 2017

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