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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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**Request for leave to withdraw pursuant to regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of
the Court**

Source: Lead Counsel for Aimé Kilolo Musamba

Document to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court to:

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 13 August 2014, Mr Aimé Kilolo Musamba appointed Mr Paul Djunga Mudimbi as his lead counsel in *“The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, Aimé Kilolo Musamba, Jean-Jacques Mangenda Kabongo, Fidèle Babala Wandu and Narcisse Arido”* (“Case No. ICC-01/05-01/13”).
2. On 16 November 2016, Mr Kilolo informed the Counsel Support Section of the International Criminal Court of his intention to discharge Mr Djunga, and of his choice of the counsel who would represent him henceforth as lead counsel.

II. APPLICABLE LAW

3. According to article 67(1)(d) of the Rome Statute, the accused is entitled to legal assistance of his or her choosing.
4. Under article 18(3) of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel: “[w]here counsel is discharged by the client, counsel may be discharged in accordance with the Regulations of the Court.”
5. In this respect, regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court provides that, prior to withdrawal, defence counsel shall seek the leave of the Chamber.

III. REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

6. In accordance with the abovementioned provisions and his client’s wish, Mr Djunga respectfully requests leave to withdraw from Case No. ICC-01/05-01/13.
7. Mr Djunga will comply with the terms of articles 8(1), 15(2), 17(2), and 19 of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

[signed]

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Dated this 18 November 2016

At Paris