

1 International Criminal Court

2 Trial Chamber I

3 Situation Democratic Republic of the Congo - ICC-01/04-01/06

4 Status Conference - Open Session

5 Wednesday, 11 June 2008

6 The hearing starts at 2.30 p.m.

7 COURT USHER: All rise. The International Criminal Court is now
8 in session. Please be seated.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE FULFORD: Good afternoon. This is the
10 continuation of the status conference which began yesterday morning. The
11 representation this afternoon is the same save that Maitre Mabilie has
12 joined the Defence team and Mr. Walleyne is absent this afternoon, and I
13 anticipate he has been replaced by Ms. Massidda.

14 We indicated yesterday that we would deliver an oral decision
15 this afternoon on the issues that have been considered during this status
16 conference. On reflection, although we have reached a decision as
17 regards all of the issues which were discussed, some of them involve
18 significant complicated matters, and in our judgement it would be
19 inappropriate to set out our reasoning and our detailed conclusions in an
20 ex tempore decision.

21 In the circumstances, although our written decision will be
22 handed down within the next seven days and most likely before the end of
23 this week, we need only announce today one critical consequence of our
24 decision, namely that the trial date of the 23rd of June is to be
25 vacated.

1 I am sorry that no more can be said at this stage, but it would
2 be inappropriate to give a partial judgement at this point. The complete
3 picture will be made clear in the very near future.

4 It only remains for us to say that we have received and noted the
5 filing made by the Prosecution this morning, and, Mr. Withopf, I am sure
6 that you will make sure that that filing is appropriately distributed
7 amongst the parties and/or the participants.

8 Thank you all very much for your attendance. That concludes this
9 status conference.

10 The hearing ends at 2.34 p.m.

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