

Ex Parte Hearing (Closed Session)

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1 International Criminal Court

2 Trial Chamber I

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

4 Case against Thomas Lubanga Dyilo

5 Ex parte - Victims and Witnesses Unit Only - Closed Session

6 Wednesday, 4 February 2009

7 The hearing starts at 3.56 p.m.

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24 *(Following Chamber's Order, this part Ex parte Closed session is reclassified
25 to Open session). Talking about the future, as it seems to us, this is an issue

1 that is likely to recur again and again, particularly with vulnerable
2 witnesses who are, for instance, former child soldiers. In our view it
3 is not satisfactory that in order for there to be a psychological
4 assessment it requires for the individual to have to go to a different
5 institution for a number of days to be interviewed by a number of
6 individuals who are employed by an institution or an organisation other than
7 this court. It seems to us that it would be much more preferable if
8 there were a psychologist, a professional psychologist, who was a part of
9 the permanent team of the Victims and Witnesses Unit so that there could
10 be, as a matter of course, a screening of witnesses in this position so
11 that the unit and the court could have a firm foundation for saying
12 whether or not it was appropriate for them to give evidence and, if it
13 was, the circumstances in which that evidence should be given. (Ex parte
14 Closed session).

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2 The ex parte hearing ends at 4.56 p.m.

3 RECLASSIFICATION REPORT

4 Following the Chamber'oral Order ,issued on 12 November 2009, the part of

5 the Ex parte session held in Closed session starting at page 15 line 24 and

6 ending at page 16 line 13 is reclassified to Open session.

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