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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Adrian Fulford, Presiding
Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito
Judge René Blattmann

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

**SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR *v.* THOMAS LUBANGA DYILO**

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**Decision on the request of the legal representatives of victims for an extension of
time to file submissions on the e-court protocol**

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a/0001/06 to a/0003/06 and a/0105/06

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1. On 4 October 2007 the representatives of the victims (Ms Carine Bapita Buyangandu and Mr Luc Walley) submitted a request for an extension to the deadline imposed by the Trial Chamber on 2 October 2007 for filing written observations for consideration by the joint expert who is to report to the Chamber on various e-court issues.¹ The explanation advanced for the request is that Ms Paolina Massida of the Office of Public Counsel for Victims is not currently at the Court.
2. The issue of the e-court was expressly included on the Trial Chamber's "Order setting out schedule for submissions and hearings that require early determination" issued on 5 September 2007² which indicated that the issue would be considered as part of the status conference on 1 October 2007, and again on the Trial Chamber's agenda for that status conference, issued on 25 September 2007.³ Several representatives of the Office of Public Counsel for Victims were present at the hearing on 1 and 2 October 2007.
3. Given that the representatives of the victims were not consulted when the e-court protocol was originally prepared and given the relative complexity of the issue, the Chamber, having considered there is good cause pursuant to Regulation of the Court 35, grants the application and extends the deadline to 12 October at 16.00.

Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito and Judge René Blattmann were consulted but are unavailable to sign the Decision as they are away from the seat of the Court on the day of signature.

¹ Demande d'extension de délai, ICC-01/04-01/06-969.

² ICC-01/04-01/06-947.

³ ICC-01/04-01/06-962.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Adrian Fulford

Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito

Judge René Blattmann

Dated this 5 October 2007

At The Hague, The Netherlands