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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Single Judge

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

**SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
*THE PROSECUTOR v. GERMAIN KATANGA***

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**Decision on the Request for Variation of Time Limit and on Matters concerning
the Status Conference of 21 January 2008**

The Office of the Prosecutor
Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo
Mrs Fatou Bensouda
Mr Éric MacDonald

Counsel for the Defence
Mr David Hooper
Professor Göran Sluiter
Ms Caroline Buisman

I, Judge Sylvia Steiner, judge at the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);

NOTING the Hearing held on 14 December 2007¹ whereby the Single Judge scheduled a Status Conference for the 15 January 2008;

NOTING the “Prosecution’s Request for a Limited Variation of the Decision Establishing Time Limits for Decisions on Protective measures and Requests for Redactions”² (“The Prosecution Request”) filed on 11 January 2008 by the Prosecution requesting an extension of time for the submission of its request for authorization for redactions of documents it intends to rely on at the Confirmation Hearing;

NOTING the “Motion Requesting Rights of Audience for Members of Mr. Katanga's Defence Team during a Status-Conference in absence of Lead Counsel”³ filed on 14 January 2008 by the Defence requesting that Professor Göran Sluiter, assisted by Ms Caroline Buisman, represent Germain Katanga during the Status Conference on behalf of the Lead Counsel, Mr David Hooper;

NOTING article 61 of the Rome Statute (“the Statute”), rules 22, 76 to 83 and 121 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“the Rules”), Regulations 35 and 68 of the Regulations of the Court and regulation 124 of the Regulations of the Registry;

CONSIDERING that the Prosecution has shown good cause in requesting the extension of time limit for the submission of requests for redactions of documents it intends to rely on at the Confirmation Hearing;

¹ ICC-01/04-01/07-T-12-ENG ET.

² ICC-01/04-01/07-139.

³ ICC-01/04-01/07-141-Conf.

CONSIDERING that, for the reasons given at the 14 December 2007 Hearing, Defence Counsel will not be available to appear before the Chamber for the purpose of the next status conference scheduled during such Hearing;

CONSIDERING that, as discussed at the 14 December 2007 Hearing, the next status conference is limited to issues concerning disclosure pursuant to rule 121 (2) (b) of the Rules;

CONSIDERING further that Defence Counsel fully authorizes Professor Göran Sluiter and Ms Caroline Buisman, who comply with the requirements for persons assisting counsel provided for in Regulation 68 of the Regulations, to appear on his behalf at the next status conference for the purpose of the representation of Germain Katanga; that both are available to appear before the Single Judge on 21 January 2008; and that Germain Katanga has been informed of the situation and has given his consent for Professor Göran Sluiter and Ms Caroline Buisman to appear before the Chamber at the next status conference on behalf of Defence Counsel for the purpose of his representation;

FOR THESE REASONS

GRANT the Prosecution Request and give the Prosecution until Monday 21 January 2008 at 16h00 to file its submission;

DECIDE to re-schedule the next status conference on Monday 21 January 2008 at 14h00;

GRANT the Defence Request to allow Professor Göran Sluiter and Ms Caroline Buisman to appear before the Chamber at the 21 January 2008 status conference on disclosure matters on behalf of Defence Counsel for the purpose of the representation of Germain Katanga.

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



Judge Sylvia Steiner
Single Judge

Dated this Monday 14 January 2008

At The Hague

The Netherlands