Cour Pénale Internationale



International Criminal Court

Original: English No.: ICC-01/04-01/07

Date: 30 May 2008

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Single Judge

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO IN THE CASE OF

THE PROSECUTOR

v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui

Public

Decision on the Defences' Urgent Request for the reclassification of document ICC-01/04-01/07-482-Conf-Exp

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

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Victims and Witnesses Unit

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Victims Participation and Reparations

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

NOTING the "Prosecution's Submission of Information on the Preventive Relocation of Witnesses 132, 163, 238 and 287" filed by the Prosecution on 7 April

2008;

NOTING the "Decision on the Evidentiary Scope of the Confirmation Hearing, Preventive Relocation and Disclosure under Article 67(2) of the Statute and rule 77 of the Rules"² ("Decision on the Evidentiary Scope of the Confirmation Hearing")

issued by the Single Judge on 18 April 2008;

NOTING the "Prosecution's Application for Leave to Appeal the Decision on the Evidentiary Scope of the Confirmation Hearing and Preventive Relocation" filed by the Prosecution on 28 April 2008;

NOTING the "Registrar's Report on the Protective Measures Afforded to Witnesses 132, 238 and 287"⁴ ("the Registry's Report") filed by the Registry on 19 May 2008;

NOTING the "Decision on the Requests for leave to appeal the Decision on Evidentiary Scope of the Confirmation Hearing, Preventive Relocation and Disclosure under Article 67(2) of the Statute and Rule 77 of the Rules" ("Decision on the Requests for leave to appeal") issued by the Single Judge on 20 May 2008;

¹ ICC-01/04-01/07-374-Conf-Exp, ICC-01/04-01/07-398 (public redacted version filed on 16 April 2008)

² ICC-01/04-01/07-423-Conf, ICC-01/04-01/07-428-Corr

³ ICC-01/04-01/07-453+anx

⁴ ICC-01/04-01/07-482-Conf-Exp

⁵ ICC-01/04-01/07-483-Conf

NOTING the "Prosecution's Urgent Application for the Admission of the Evidence

of Witnesses132 and 287"6 ("the Prosecution's Urgent Application") filed by the

Prosecution on 27 May 2008;

NOTING the "Decision on Prosecution's Urgent Application for the Admission of

the Evidence of Witnesses 132 and 287"7 ("the Decision on Prosecution's Urgent

Application") issued by the Single Judge on 28 May 2008;

NOTING the "Requête urgent sollicitant la reclassification du document ex parte émanant

du Greffe et portant le Nº ICC-01/04-01/07-482-Conf-Exp en document confidentiel"8 ("the

Defence's Urgent Request") filed by the Defence for Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui on 29

May 2008, in which the Defence for Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui supported its request on

the basis of the following arguments: (a) to the alleged lack of information regarding

the circumstances that led to the inclusion of Witnesses 132 and 287 into the Court's

Witness Protection Programme; and (b) to the alleged necessity for the Defence to

have access to this document in order to examine the credibility and admissibility of

Witnesses 132 and 287 for the purpose of the confirmation hearing, and not prejudice

the rights of the suspect and the interest of justice;

NOTING the "Defence Motion to join Mr. Ngudjolo's Requête urgent sollicitant la

reclassification du document ex parte émanant du Greffe et portant le Nº ICC-01/04-01/07-

482-Conf-Exp en document confidentiel"9 ("the Defence's Motion in Support of the

Defence's Urgent Request") filed by the Defence for Germain Katanga on 30 May

2008;

⁶ ICC-01/04-01/07-516-Conf.

⁷ ICC-01/04-01/07-523

⁸ ICC-01/04-01/07-529-Conf

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NOTING article 57(3)(c) of the Rome Statute ("the Statute") and regulation 23bis of

the Regulations of the Court ("the Regulations");

CONSIDERING that regulation 23bis(3) of the Regulations states that "[w]here the

basis for classification no longer exist [...] A Chamber may also re-classify a

document upon request by any other participant or on its own motion";

CONSIDERING that, pursuant to regulation 23bis of the Regulations, the Defence

does not have an automatic right that a document be reclassified; that, nevertheless,

in the view of the Single Judge the information included in the Registry's Report is

similar to the information available in the confidential version of the Decision on the

Evidentiary Scope of the Confirmation Hearing, the Decision on the Requests for

Leave to Appeal and the Decision on Prosecution's Urgent Application; and that

therefore, there is no reason to maintain this document classified as confidential ex

parte only available to the Prosecution;

FOR THESE REASONS,

ORDER the Registry to reclassify document ICC-01/04-01/07-482-Conf-Exp as

confidential;

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

Judge Sylvia Steiner Single Judge

Dated this Friday 30 May 2008

At The Hague, the Netherlands

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