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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

Judge Akua Kuenyehia, Presiding Judge

Judge Anita Ušacka Judge Sylvia Steiner

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR

v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui

Public Document

Decision concerning observations on the review of the pre-trial detention of Germain Katanga

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo, Prosecutor Mr Éric Macdonald, Senior Trial Lawyer Counsel for the Defence of Germain Katanga Mr David Hooper Ms Caroline Buisman

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Ngudjolo Chui

Mr Jean-Pierre Kilenda Kakengi Basila

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Legal Representatives of the Victims

Ms Carine Bapita Buyagandu

Mr Joseph Keta Mr J.L. Gilissen Mr Hervé Diakiese

Mr Jean-Chrisostome Mulamba

Nsokoloni

Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims

The Office of Public Counsel for the

Defence

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

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Ms Silvana Arbia

Victims and Witnesses Unit Detention Section

Victims Participation and Reparations

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I of the International Criminal Court ("the Chamber" and

"the Court", respectively);

NOTING the Warrant of Arrest for Germain Katanga issued by the Chamber on

2 July 2007;1

NOTING the "Decision on the Evidence and the information provided by the

Prosecution for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for Germain Katanga"2 issued by

the Chamber on 6 July 2007;

NOTING the arrest and surrender of Germain Katanga to the officials of the Court

and transfer to the Detention Centre of the Court in The Hague on 18 October 2007;3

NOTING the "Decision Concerning Pre-Trial Detention of Germain Katanga"⁴

issued by the Single Judge on 21 February 2008;

NOTING the "Decision on the Conditions of the Pre-Trial Detention of Germain

Katanga"5 ("the Decision on the Conditions of the Pre-Trial Detention") issued by

the Single Judge on 21 April 2008, whereby the Single Judge found that Germain

Katanga shall remain in pre-trial detention because the condition set forth in article

58(1)(b)(ii) of the Rome Statute continue to be fulfilled insofar as the detention of

Germain Katanga remains necessary to ensure that he will not obstruct or endanger

the investigation or the court proceedings;

NOTING articles 58, 60(4), 61 and 67 of the Rome Statute ("the Statute"), rule 118 of

the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("the Rules") and regulation 28(2) of the

Regulations of the Court;

¹ ICC-01/04-01/07-1

² ICC-01/04-01/07-4

3 ICC-01/04-01/07-40

4 ICC-01/04-01/07-222

⁵ ICC-01/04-01/07-426

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CONSIDERING that according to rule 118 of the Rules, pre-trial detention must be

reviewed by the Pre-Trial Chamber at least every 120 days; and that Germain

Katanga would have been detained for 120 days from the last Decision on the

Conditions of the Pre-Trial Detention on 19 August 2008;

CONSIDERING further that as the Single Judge has already stated "the Prosecution

has the burden of proof in relation to the continuing existence of the conditions set

forth in article 58(1) of the Statute during the time a person is under pre-trial

detention";6

CONSIDERING that in its Judgment, the Appeals Chamber ruled that "there is a

distinct and independent obligation imposed upon the Pre-Trial Chamber to ensure

that a person is not detained for an unreasonable period prior to trial under article

60(4) of the Statute" and that "there is, in addition, an obligation upon the Pre-Trial

Chamber to review the overall period of the detention of the suspect under article

60(4)";7

FOR THESE REASONS

DECIDE to give:

(i) the Prosecution and the Legal Representatives of Anonymous

and Non-Anonymous Victims until Thursday 24 July 2008 at

16h00 to submit their observations on the pre-trial detention of

Germain Katanga at the seat of the Court;

6 ICC-01/04-01/07-330, p 7

⁷ ICC-01/04-01/06-824, para 98

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(ii) the Defence for Germain Katanga until Friday 8 August 2008 at 16h00 to respond to the observations referred to in (i) above.

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

Judge Akua Kuenyehia Presiding Judge

Judge Anita Ušacka Judge Judge Sylvia Steiner

Judge

Dated this Wednesday 9 July 2008

At The Hague, The Netherlands