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**International
Criminal
Court**

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Single Judge

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR
*v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO***

Public Document

**Decision Authorising Photographs at the Confirmation of the Charges Hearing on
12 January 2009**

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

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Legal Representatives of the Victims

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**

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Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, acting as Single Judge for Pre-Trial Chamber III (the “Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”),¹ recalls the Chamber’s Decision on the “Prosecutor’s Application for Warrant of Arrest under Article 58 of the Rome Statute”² dated 10 June 2008 and that on the same day the Chamber issued the warrant of arrest³ against Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo (“Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba”).

1. On 4 July 2008 the initial appearance of Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba took place and the Chamber decided to set the date for the confirmation of the charges hearing (the “Hearing”) on 4 November 2008.⁴ There after, the Hearing was postponed twice⁵ and on 29 December 2008 the Single Judge issued the “Decision Setting the Date of the Confirmation Hearing”,⁶ in which she decided that the Hearing commences on 12 January 2009.

2. The Single Judge notes articles 61 and 67 of the Rome Statute, rule 122 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulations 20 and 21 of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”).

3. The Single Judge notes in particular that, pursuant to regulation 21(1) of the Regulations, the “publicity of hearings may extend beyond the courtroom” and therefore, it is appropriate to allow photographs and filming to be taken in the courtroom at the beginning of the Hearing.

¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-293.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-14.

³ ICC-01/05-01/08-15.

⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-T-3-ENG 04-07-2008, p. 9, lines 1-5.

⁵ “Décision relative au report de l’audience de confirmation des charges”, ICC-01/05-01/08-170 ; “Décision fixant la date de l’audience de confirmation des charges”, ICC-01/05-01/08-199 ; “Decision on the Postponement of the Confirmation Hearing”, ICC-01/05-01/08-304.

⁶ “Decision Setting the Date of the Confirmation Hearing”, ICC-01/05-01/08-335.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE

authorises the Registrar to inform external applicants that they will be allowed to take photographs and filming in the courtroom at the beginning of the confirmation of the charges hearing for a period of one minute after all the participants have taken their seats.

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



Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
Single Judge

Dated this Thursday 8 January 2009

At The Hague, The Netherlands