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International Criminal Court

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TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Bruno Cotte, Presiding Judge

Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra

Judge Fumiko Saiga

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v.GERMAIN KATANGA AND MATHIEU NGUDJOLO CHUI

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Order Directing Germain Katanga's Defence Counsel to Provide Further Particulars regarding the Duration of his Investigations (regulation 28 of the Regulations of the Court)

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

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Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court (respectively, "the Chamber" and "the Court"), acting pursuant to article 64 of the Rome Statute, to rule 132(2) of

the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and to regulation 28 of the Regulations of the Court,

orders as follows:

1. In its Order of 13 November 2008 the Chamber asked Defence Counsel

whether they intended to carry out investigations on the territory of the Democratic

Republic of the Congo and, if so, when these would begin and how long they would

last.¹ It also asked the Prosecutor and the Defence if they could name the date when

they would be ready for commencement of the hearing on the merits.²

2. In his response Counsel for Germain Katanga stated that he planned to

conduct investigations in Ituri from 4 to 15 December 2008, in Kinshasa from 15 to 25

January 2009, again in Ituri from 16 to 28 February 2009, in Kinshasa from 23 to 29

March 2009, then in Ituri from 20 April to 3 May 2009. He further stated that the two

Defence teams and the Prosecutor had met together and that, if there were no

unforeseen difficulties, the trial could open on 8 June 2009.³

4. At the status conference of 3 February 2009, Defence Counsel for Germain

Katanga stated that his investigations had been delayed, and that he needed six

months to prepare, with effect from the Prosecutor's final disclosure of incriminatory

and exculpatory evidence.

5. In order to be in a position, fully informed, to set a date for the trial and to

ensure that the proceedings are conducted in a fair and expeditious manner, the

Chamber wishes to be provided as soon as possible with further particulars of the

reasons justifying such a time-frame.

¹ Order Instructing the Participants and the Registry to Respond to Questions of Trial Chamber II for the Purpose of the Status Conference (article 64(3)(a) of the Statute), 13 November 2008, ICC-01/04-01/07-747-tENG, para. 10, q. 2.

² Ibid., para. 11, q. 1.

³ Defence for Germain Katanga, "Defence Response to the order dated 13 November 2008", 24 November 2008, ICC-01/04-01/07-763, pp. 3 and 5.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER:

DIRECTS Counsel for the Defence of Germain Katanga to file his response by 4.00 p.m. on 9 February 2009.

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

[signed]

Judge Bruno Cotte

Presiding Judge

[signed] [signed]

Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra Judge Fumiko Saiga

Dated this 5 February 2009

At The Hague (The Netherlands)