

**Cour
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**International
Criminal
Court**

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No.: ICC-01/05
Date: 23 March 2009

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
Judge Hans-Peter Kaul
Judge Fumiko Saiga

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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Decision on the Election of Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Luis Moreno-Ocampo

Counsel for the Defence

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**

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar & Deputy Registrar
Silvana Arbia

Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

THE JUDGES OF PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II (“the Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court are seized with the matter of the election of a Presiding Judge.

1. The Chamber notes the “Decision assigning the situation in the Central African Republic to Pre-Trial Chamber III” issued by the Presidency on 19 January 2005.¹
2. The Chamber recalls that Pre-Trial Chamber III was composed of Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova (Presiding Judge),² Judge Hans-Peter Kaul and Judge Mauro Politi.³ The Chamber further recalls that the term of office of Judge Mauro Politi ended on 10 March 2009.
3. The Chamber notes the “Decision on the constitution of Pre-Trial Chambers and on the assignment of the Central African Republic situation” issued by the Presidency on 19 March 2009⁴ whereby Pre-Trial Chamber III was dissolved, the situation of the Central African Republic was assigned to Pre-Trial Chamber II and Judge Mauro Politi was replaced with Judge Fumiko Saiga.
4. The Chamber notes regulation 13(2) of the Regulations of the Court pursuant to which the judges of each Pre-Trial Chamber shall elect a Presiding Judge from amongst their members.
5. The Chamber also notes the meeting of the judges of Pre-Trial Chamber II on 23 March 2009 during which it was decided that Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova will act as the Presiding Judge of the Chamber in the situation of the Central African Republic with immediate effect.

¹ Presidency, ICC-01/05-1.

² Pre-Trial Chamber III, ICC-01/05-21.

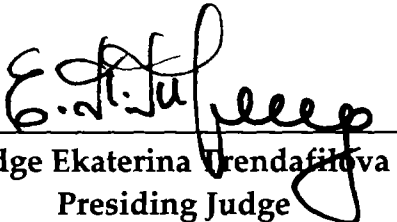
³ Presidency, ICC-01/05-20.

⁴ Presidency, ICC-01/05-22.

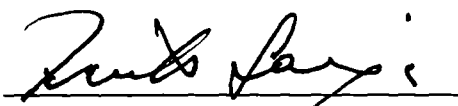
THE CHAMBER HEREBY

- a) **decides** that Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova is the Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II in the situation of the Central African Republic and any cases emanating therefrom;
- b) **orders** the Registrar to file this decision in the record of the situation of the Central African Republic and any case emanating therefrom, including the case of the Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo.

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


Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
Presiding Judge


Judge Hans-Peter Kaul
Judge


Judge Fumiko Saiga
Judge

Dated this 23 March 2009

At The Hague, The Netherlands