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**International
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Court**

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Hans-Peter Kaul, Single Judge

SITUATION IN UGANDA

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Decision on Extension of Time-Limit

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Luis Moreno-Ocampo
Fatou Bensouda

Counsel for the Defence

Ms Michelyne C. Saint-Laurent

Legal Representatives of the Victims

Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

Paolina Massidda

**The Office of Public Counsel for the
Defence**

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar

Silvana Arbia

Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

Judge Hans-Peter Kaul, acting as Single Judge¹ on behalf of Pre-Trial Chamber II (the “Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”) on victims’ issues, has received a request for extension of time by appointed counsel for the Defence, Ms Michelyne C. Saint-Laurent.

1. The Single Judge recalls that by decision of 10 March 2009 the then Single Judge of the Chamber appointed Ms Michelyne C. Saint-Laurent as counsel for the Defence within the context and for the purpose of proceedings on the applications for participation in the situation in Uganda and the case of *The Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony, Vincent Otti, Okot Odhiambo and Dominic Ongwen* and requested her to submit observations on victims’ applications both on the situation and case level which were to be transmitted to the parties by 20 March 2009. The observations pursuant to rule 89(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence are due on Monday, 30 March 2009.²

2. Counsel for the Defence submits that she received the victims applications only on 25 March 2009 at 17h15, and does not benefit from the 10 day time-limit granted by the then Single Judge of the Chamber to submit observations.

3. The Single Judge notes that the Court faced technical difficulties as regards notification of decisions and documents and that counsel for the Defence received the victims applications by courier services only on 25 March 2009.

4. The Single Judge recalls regulations 33 and 35 of the Regulations of the Court. In light of the abovementioned circumstances a limited extension of time until 6 April 2009, 16h00 is warranted.

¹ Pre-Trial Chamber II, ICC-02/04-184.

² Pre-Trial Chamber II, ICC-02/04-180.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE

- a) **grants** extension of time-limit to file observations on the victims applications until 6 April 2009, 16h00;
- b) **orders** the Registrar to file this decision in the record of the situation in Uganda and of the case of *The Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony, Vincent Otti, Okot Odhiambo and Dominic Ongwen*.

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



Judge Hans-Peter Kaul
Single Judge

Dated this 27 March 2009

At The Hague, The Netherlands