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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Akua Kuenyehia, Presiding Judge
Judge Sang-Hyun Song
Judge Erkki Kourula
Judge Anita Ušacka
Judge Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR

v.

JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO

Public Document

Decision on the Participation of Victims in the Appeal against the “Decision on the Interim Release of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo and Convening Hearings with the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Portugal, the Republic of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, and the Republic of South Africa”

AS

Decision/Order/Judgment 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
Ms Fatou Bensouda, Deputy Prosecutor

Counsel for the Defence of Mr Jean-Pierre

Bemba Gombo
Mr Nkwebe Liriss
Mr Karim A A Khan

Legal Representative of Victims

Ms Marie Edith Douzima-Lawson

The Office of Public Counsel for victims

Ms Paolina Massidda

REGISTRY

Registrar

Ms Silvana Arbia

The Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court.

In the appeal of the Prosecutor dated 14 August 2009 and entitled “Prosecution’s Appeal against ‘Decision on the Interim Release of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo and Convening Hearings with the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Portugal, the Republic of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, and the Republic of South Africa’” (ICC-01/05-01/08-476) against the decision of Pre-Trial Chamber II dated 14 August 2009 entitled ‘Decision on the Interim Release of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo and Convening Hearings with the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Portugal, the Republic of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, and the Republic of South Africa’ (ICC-01/05-01/08-475),

Having before it the “Observations of the Legal Representatives of the Victims on the Participation of the Victims in the Interlocutory Appeal Filed by the Office of the Prosecutor under Article 81(2)(b) of the Rome Statute” (ICC-01/05-01/08-479-tENG) of 18 August 2009 and,

Having before it the ‘Réponse des représentants légaux des victimes sur le ‘Prosecution’s Document in support of the Appeal against Decision on the Interim Release of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo’ déposé le 24 août 2009’ (ICC-01/05-01/08-492) of 31 August 2009.

Renders by majority, Judge Song dissenting, the following

DECISION

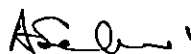
1 The “Réponse des représentants légaux des victimes sur le ‘Prosecution’s Document in support of the Appeal against Decision on the Interim Release of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo’ déposé le 24 août 2009” of 31 August 2009 shall be disregarded

2 Victims a/0271/08, a/0272/08, a/0273/08, a/0275/08, a/0277/08, a/0278/08, a/0279/08, a/0283/08, a/0284/08, a/0285/08, a/0286/08, a/0287/08, a/0288/08, a/0289/08, a/0290/08, a/0291/08, a/0292/08, a/0293/08 a/0294/08

a/0296/08, a/0297/08, a/0298/08, a/0390/08, a/0391/08, a/0393/08, a/0394/08, a/0395/08, a/0396/08, a/0455/08, a/0457/08, a/0458/08, a/0459/08, a/0460/08, a/0461/08, a/0462/08, a/0463/08, a/0464/08, a/0465/08, a/0466/08, a/0467/08, a/0468/08, a/0469/08, a/0470/08, a/0471/08, a/0472/08, a/0473/08, a/0474/08, a/0475/08, a/0476/08, a/0477/08, a/0478/08, a/0479/08, a/0480/08 and a/0481/08 may present their submissions in the appeal of the Prosecutor dated 14 August 2009, and entitled 'Prosecution's Appeal against 'Decision on the Interim Release of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo and Convening Hearings with the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Portugal, the Republic of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, and the Republic of South Africa'', by 4 p m on 7 September 2009, the Prosecutor and Mr Bemba may thereafter file their responses by 4 p m on 14 September 2009 to the submissions presented by the *aforesaid victims*

The reasons for the above decision and for the dissent of Judge Song will be given separately

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



Judge Akua Kuenyehia
Presiding Judge

Dated this 3rd day of September 2009
At The Hague, The Netherlands