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TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge
Judge Joyce Aluoch
Judge Kuniko Ozaki

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

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**Decision shortening time for observations on the
«Requête de Mise en liberté provisoire de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo»**

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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Counsel for the Defence

Mr Nkwebe Liriss

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Legal Representatives of the Victims

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Mr Assingambi Zarambaud

Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims

Ms Paolina Massidda

The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

Registrar

Ms Silvana Arbia

Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

Victims Participation and Reparations Section

Other

Trial Chamber III (“Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* issues the following Decision shortening time for observations on the “Requête de Mise en liberté provisoire de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo”.

1. Today, the defence filed its “Requête de Mise en liberté provisoire de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo” (“Application”),¹ requesting the Chamber to authorise Mr Bemba’s provisional release during judicial recesses, weekends, and any periods during which the Chamber will not sit for at least three consecutive days.²
2. The defence asks the Chamber to reduce the time for the filing of observations on the Application “in order to facilitate any eventual enforcement of a decision granting provisional release”.³
3. In ruling on this request for the shortening of time, the Chamber has, in accordance with Article 21(1) of the Rome Statute (“Statute”), considered Article 64(6)(f) of the Statute, Rule 118(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and Regulations 24 and 35 of the Regulations of the Court.
4. The Chamber finds that the defence has shown good cause for shortening the time for the filing of any responses to the Application; to enable the Chamber to rule on the Application promptly, the time limit for the filing of observations needs to be reduced. To this end, the Chamber will receive observations from the Office of the Prosecutor (“prosecution”), the legal

¹ Requête de Mise en liberté provisoire de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, 12 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-2000-Conf, and three confidential annexes.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-2000-Conf, paragraphs 1 and 15.

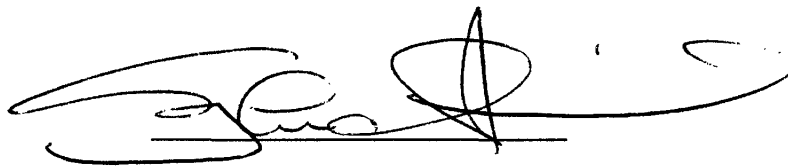
³ ICC-01/05-01/08-2000-Conf-Anx1, paragraph 12.

representatives of victims and the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (“OPCV”), as appropriate,⁴ no later than 16:00 on 14 December 2011.

5. For these reasons, the Trial Chamber hereby ORDERS that:

The prosecution, the legal representatives of victims and the OPCV shall file their observations on the Application, if any, no later than 16.00 on 14 December 2011.

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



Judge Sylvia Steiner



Judge Joyce Aluoch



Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this 12 December 2011

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁴ See Decision requesting observations on, and setting a briefing schedule for, the “Demande de mise en liberté provisoire de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo afin d'accomplir ses devoirs civiques en République Démocratique du Congo”, 25 August 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1649, paragraph 5.