

**Cour  
Pénale  
Internationale**



**International  
Criminal  
Court**

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No.: ICC-01/05-01/08

Date: 8 May 2012

**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**

**Public  
URGENT**

**Decision on the "Defence request for an *ex parte* status conference"**

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

**The Office of the Prosecutor**

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Ms Petra Kneuer

**Counsel for the Defence**

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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**

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

**States Representatives**

**Amicus Curiae**

**Registrar**

Ms Silvana Arbia

**Defence Support Section**

**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

Ms Maria Luisa Martinod-Jacome

**Detention Section**

**Victims Participation and Reparations Section**

**Other**

Trial Chamber III (“Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (“Court”), in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* issues the following Decision on the “Defence request for an *ex parte* status conference”.

1. On 8 May 2012, the defence filed the “Defence request for an *ex parte* status conference” (“Request”),<sup>1</sup> in order to discuss issues related to the defence’s presentation of evidence.
2. Having considered the Request, the Chamber agrees to the holding of an *ex parte* status conference, to address the issues raised by the defence
3. Pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Chamber hereby ORDERS that:
  - (a) An *ex parte* status conference in this case will be held at 09.30 on 10 May 2012;
  - (b) The status conference will be held in closed session;
  - (c) The attendees of the status conference will be the defence, the Registry and representatives of the Victims and Witnesses Unit;

The present decision is filed as public, in accordance with article 64(7) of the Rome Statute, and since the Chamber is of the view that, in principle, there is no reason for the scheduling of an *ex parte* a status conference not to be disclosed to the prosecution, the Legal Representatives of Victims and the public.

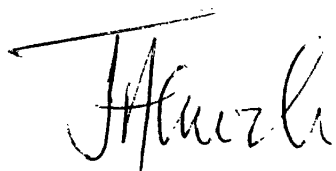
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<sup>1</sup> Defence request for an *ex parte* status conference, 8 May 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2212-Conf-Exp.

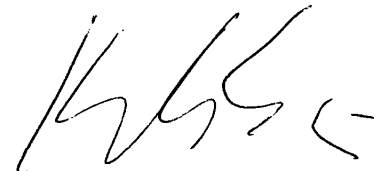
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



**Judge Sylvia Steiner**



**Judge Joyce Aluoch**



**Judge Kuniko Ozaki**

Dated this Tuesday 8 May 2012

At The Hague, The Netherlands