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

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Decision on 1400 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings

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Trial Chamber III (“Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, issues the following Decision on 1400 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings (“Decision”).

I. Background

1. On 18 November 2011, the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”) filed its “Sixteenth report to Trial Chamber III on applications to participate in the proceedings”, *ex parte*, Registry only,¹ and transmitted 350 victims’ applications to the Chamber,² and redacted versions to the Office of the Prosecutor (“prosecution”) and the defence (together, “the parties”) (“Sixteenth Set”).³
2. On 2 December 2011, the VPRS filed its “Eighteenth report to Trial Chamber III on applications to participate in the proceedings”, *ex parte*, Registry only,⁴ and transmitted 350 victims’ applications to the Chamber,⁵ and redacted versions to the parties (“Eighteenth Set”).⁶
3. On 16 December 2011, the VPRS filed its “Nineteenth report to Trial Chamber III on applications to participate in the proceedings”, *ex parte*, Registry only,⁷ and

¹ Sixteenth report to Trial Chamber III on applications to participate in the proceedings, 18 November 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1925-Conf-Exp and confidential *ex parte* annexes.

² Sixteenth transmission to the Trial Chamber of applications for participation in the proceedings, 18 November 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1922 and confidential *ex parte* annexes.

³ Sixteenth transmission to the parties and legal representatives of the applicants of redacted versions of applications for participation in the proceedings, 18 November 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1923 and confidential redacted annexes.

⁴ Eighteenth report to Trial Chamber III on applications to participate in the proceedings, 2 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1980-Conf-Exp and confidential *ex parte* annexes.

⁵ Eighteenth transmission to the Trial Chamber of applications for participation in the proceedings, 2 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1978 and confidential *ex parte* annexes.

⁶ Eighteenth transmission to the parties and legal representatives of the applicants of redacted versions of applications for participation in the proceedings, 2 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1979 and confidential redacted annexes. The seventeenth transmission, filed on 28 November 2011 (filings ICC-01/05-01/08-1957 and confidential *ex parte* annexes, ICC-01/05-01/08-1958 and confidential redacted annexes and ICC-01/05-01/08-1959-Conf-Exp and confidential *ex parte* annexes) will be considered in a separate decision.

⁷ Nineteenth report to Trial Chamber III on applications to participate in the proceedings, 16 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-2019-Conf-Exp and confidential *ex parte* annexes.

transmitted 350 victims' applications to the Chamber,⁸ and redacted versions to the parties ("Nineteenth Set").⁹

4. On 13 January 2012, the VPRS filed its "Twentieth report to Trial Chamber III on applications to participate in the proceedings", *ex parte*, Registry only,¹⁰ and transmitted 350 victims' applications to the Chamber,¹¹ and redacted versions to the parties ("Twentieth Set").¹²

5. In accordance with the Chamber's "Decision setting a timeline for the filing of observations on pending sets of victims' applications",¹³ instructing the parties to file their observations on pending transmissions of victims' applications in accordance with the regular time limit under Regulation 34(b) of the Regulations of the Court ("Regulations"),¹⁴ and its oral decision of 9 December 2011, extending the time limit for the filing of observations on the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Sets,¹⁵ the prosecution¹⁶ and the defence¹⁷ filed their observations on

⁸ Nineteenth transmission to the Trial Chamber of applications for participation in the proceedings, 16 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-2017 and confidential *ex parte* annexes.

⁹ Nineteenth transmission to the parties and legal representatives of the applicants of redacted versions of applications for participation in the proceedings, 16 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-2018 and confidential redacted annexes.

¹⁰ Twentieth report to Trial Chamber III on applications to participate in the proceedings, 13 January 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2044-Conf-Exp and confidential *ex parte* annexes.

¹¹ Twentieth transmission to the Trial Chamber of applications for participation in the proceedings, 13 January 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2042 and confidential *ex parte* annexes.

¹² Twentieth transmission to the parties and legal representatives of the applicants of redacted versions of applications for participation in the proceedings, 13 January 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2043 and confidential redacted annexes.

¹³ Decision setting a timeline for the filing of observations on pending victims' applications, 9 September 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1726.

¹⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-1726, paragraph 7.

¹⁵ Transcript of hearing of 9 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-T-200-ENG-ET, page 59, line 11 to page 60, line 11. This decision extended the deadline for filing of observations on those Sets to 20 January 2012 and 27 January 2012.

¹⁶ Prosecution's Observations on 350 Applications for Victims' Participation in the Proceedings, 12 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-2002; Prosecution's Observations on 350 Applications for Victims' Participation in the Proceedings, 20 January 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2055; Prosecution's Observations on 350 Applications for Victims' Participation in the Proceedings, 27 January 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2071; Prosecution's Observations on 350 Applications for Victims' Participation in the Proceedings, 6 February 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2119.

¹⁷ Observations de la Défense sur les 350 demandes de participation transmises le 18 novembre 2011, 12 December 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-2001 and confidential Annex A; Observations de la Défense sur les 350 demandes de participation transmises le 2 décembre 2011, 20 January 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2056 and confidential Annex A; Observations de la Défense sur les 350 demandes de participation transmises le 16 décembre 2011, 27 January 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2077 and confidential Annex A; Observations de la Défense sur les 350 demandes de participation transmises le 13 janvier 2012, 6 February 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2122 and confidential Annex A.

the Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Sets on 12 December 2011, 20 January 2012, 27 January 2012 and 6 February 2012 respectively.

6. By emails of 6 February 2012 and 2 March 2012, the Registry informed the Chamber, *inter alia*, that two applications contained in the Sixteenth Set and two applications contained in the Nineteenth Set, although having received different application numbers, were duplicates of applications that had been previously transmitted and decided upon by the Chamber.¹⁸ It further informed the Chamber that it had found two applications contained in the Twentieth Set that were duplicates of one application contained in the Sixteenth Set and one application contained in the Eighteenth Set.¹⁹ In addition, the VPRS explained that in all these instances, the reference numbers of the duplicate applications were withdrawn and the duplicate applications were merged with the corresponding original applications under the original application number.²⁰

7. By email of 9 March 2012, the VPRS informed the Chamber that applicant a/1551/11, included in the Sixteenth Set, had submitted one application for participation and one declaration relating to events outside the scope of the case. The VPRS submitted that with regard to that application, supplementary information had been requested and therefore suggested that the decision as regards this applicant be deferred, pending receipt of supplementary

¹⁸ Email from the Associate Legal Officer of the Division of Court Services to the Assistant Legal Officer of the Chamber on 6 February 2012 at 17.13 and email from the Legal Coordinator of the Division of Court Services to the Assistant Legal Officer of the Chamber on 2 March 2012 at 16.41. The applications registered under the registration numbers a/1759/11, a/1663/11, a/16213/11 and a/16246/11 constitute duplicates of applications a/3181/10, a/3215/10, a/0758/11 and a/1235/11 granted authorisation to participate in Decision on 418 applications by victims in the proceedings, 15 December 2011, ICC-01-05-01/08-2011 and Corrigendum to the Decision on 401 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings and setting a final deadline for the submission of new victims' applications to the Registry, 8 July 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1590-Corr.

¹⁹ Email from the Legal Coordinator of the Division of Court Services to the Assistant Legal Officer of the Chamber on 2 March 2012 at 16.41. The applications registered under the registration numbers a/16638/11 and a/16903/11 constitute duplicates of applications a/1731/11 and a/16187/11 which are decided upon in the present Decision. The parties and participants were informed of situations of duplicate applications by email of the Associate Legal Officer of the Division of Court Services on 15 March 2012 at 14.36.

²⁰ Annex to Consolidated information on duplicate applications to participate in the proceedings, 27 March 2012, ICC-01/05/01/08-2178-Anx, pages 2, 3 and 5.

information.²¹

8. In accordance with Article 21(1) of the Rome Statute (“Statute”), the Chamber has considered the following provisions: Article 68 of the Statute, Rules 85 and 89 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”) and Regulation 86 of the Regulations.

II. Summary of the observations of the parties

A. Observations of the prosecution

9. The prosecution submits that 1208 out of the 1400 applications should be granted authorisation to participate as they meet all the requirements under Article 68(3) of the Statute for participation at the trial stage of the proceedings.²² The prosecution specifies that 70 out of these 1208 applicants meet the requirements on account of crimes they personally suffered, but should be invited to provide further information or documentation with regard to crimes allegedly suffered by their family members.²³

10. In relation to 11 further applicants, the prosecution submits they should be deemed to meet the requirements for participation.²⁴ In that context, the prosecution asserts that *déclarations de perte, déclarations de naissance, actes de décès*, signed and stamped by the *chef de quartier* and *cartes de séjour* constitute sufficient proof of identity as they contain similar features to documents contained in the list of acceptable documentation previously endorsed by the Chamber.²⁵ With

²¹ Email from the Associate Legal Officer of the VPRS to the Assistant Legal Officer of the Chamber on 9 March 2012 at 16.01.

²² ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraphs 2 and 9 to 21; ICC-01/05-01/08-2055, paragraphs 2 and 10 to 26; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraphs 2 and 10 to 24; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraphs 2 and 10 to 19.

²³ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraphs 11 to 18; ICC-01/05-01/08-2055, paragraphs 11 to 26; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraphs 11 to 23; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraphs 12 to 19.

²⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraphs 19 to 21.

²⁵ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraphs 19 to 20.

regard to applications that refer to the event of the *Tabaski* celebration in 2003, without specifying the precise date of such celebration, it is submitted that the applicants “fully [meet] the requirement of time”²⁶ as this event “took place in the month of February 2003”.²⁷

11. With respect to 85 applications, the prosecution submits that the Chamber should defer its decision until further information or documentation is obtained.²⁸ This concerns instances where the applicants (i) fail to provide sufficient information as to the date²⁹ or the location³⁰ of the alleged events; (ii) fail to provide sufficient proof of kinship with their alleged relatives;³¹ (iii) provide unclear explanations as to discrepancies within identity documents;³² or (iv) provide an unclear account of the events, which makes it difficult to establish whether the applicants suffered harm as a result of a crime charged against the accused and whether the perpetrators of the alleged crimes were members of the *Mouvement de Libération du Congo* (“MLC”).³³

12. With regard to 90 applications, the prosecution contends that the redactions applied by the VPRS make it difficult to determine whether the applicants meet all the requirements for participation and leaves it to the Chamber to decide whether they have provided adequate proof of identity or sufficient information to demonstrate a link between the alleged harm and the charges in the case.³⁴

²⁶ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraph 21; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraph 24.

²⁷ ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraph 24.

²⁸ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraph 24; ICC-01/05-01/08-2055, paragraphs 28 to 32; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraphs 27 to 35; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraphs 20 to 25.

²⁹ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraphs 22 and 23; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraph 28 ; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraph 20.

³⁰ ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraph 27.

³¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraph 24; ICC-01/05-01/08-2055, paragraphs 29 and 30; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraph 35; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraphs 23 and 25.

³² ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraph 26.

³³ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraph 25; ICC-01/05-01/08-2055, paragraph 28, 30 and 31; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraphs 30 and 33; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraphs 22 and 24.

³⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraphs 27 to 30; ICC/01/05-01/08-2055, paragraphs 33 to 40; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraphs 29, 31 to 32, 37 to 38, 40 and 42 to 43; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraph 21.

13. Finally, the prosecution submits that six applications do not meet the requirements for participation,³⁵ since they concern harms allegedly suffered as a result of crimes not included in the charges,³⁶ or because there is no causal link between the harm claimed and the charges against the accused.³⁷

B. Observations of the defence

14. The defence urges the Chamber to (i) reject all 1400 applications contained in the Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Sets;³⁸ (ii) order the VPRS to communicate less redacted versions of the applications to the parties or to the prosecution so that it can fulfil its disclosure obligations towards the defence;³⁹ and (iii) instruct the VPRS to examine the redactions procedure with a view to ensuring that redactions are proportionate and are made only when absolutely necessary.⁴⁰

15. To substantiate its request to reject all 1400 applications, the defence relies upon the arguments it asserted in relation to previous sets of applications. Specifically, the defence challenges the causal link between the harm suffered and the location of MLC troops at the relevant time,⁴¹ or between the harm suffered and the charges against the accused,⁴² as well as the extent of redactions applied to the applications.⁴³ Furthermore, the defence argues that certain

³⁵ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraph 31; ICC-01/05-01/08-2055, paragraph 27; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraphs 25 to 26; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraph 33.

³⁶ ICC-01/05-01/08-2002, paragraph 31; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraph 25; ICC-01/05-01/08-2119, paragraph 33.

³⁷ ICC-01/05-01/08-2055, paragraph 27; ICC-01/05-01/08-2071, paragraph 26.

³⁸ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraph 44; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraph 48; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraph 49; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraph 49.

³⁹ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraph 44; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraph 48; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraph 49; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraph 49.

⁴⁰ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraph 44; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraph 48; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraph 49; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraph 49.

⁴¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraphs 6 to 11; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraphs 9 to 14; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraphs 10 to 15; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraphs 11 to 16.

⁴² ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraphs 12 to 15; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraphs 15 to 18; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraphs 16 to 19; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraphs 17 to 20.

⁴³ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraphs 16 to 22; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraphs 19 to 25; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraphs 20 to 26; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraphs 21 to 26.

applications are incomplete.⁴⁴ The defence also recalls its challenges to the credibility of a number of identity documents⁴⁵ and the accounts provided by the applicants.⁴⁶

16. In addition to its observations on the 1400 individual applications, the defence requests the Chamber to either reclassify as “confidential” the annexes to its decisions on applications by victims to participate in the proceedings or to provide redacted versions thereof to the defence, in order to guarantee the principle of due process and the defence’s right of appeal.⁴⁷

III. Analysis and conclusions

A. Assessment of the parties’ observations

17. In its previous decisions on victims’ applications, the Chamber has established the general legal criteria for determining whether an applicant should be authorised to participate in the proceedings.⁴⁸ In the absence of any new general argument in the parties’ observations on the 1400 individual applications contained in the Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Sets, the Chamber is of the view that further elaboration upon the general legal criteria is not warranted in this context. Therefore, in line with the approach adopted in previous decisions, a case-by-case analysis for each application is provided in Annexes A, B, C and D appended to the present Decision.

⁴⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraphs 26 to 27; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraphs 29 to 30; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraphs 30 to 31; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraphs 30 to 31.

⁴⁵ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraphs 23 to 25; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraphs 26 to 28; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraphs 27 to 29; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraphs 27 to 29.

⁴⁶ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraphs 28 to 32; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraphs 31 to 36; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraphs 32 to 37; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraphs 32 to 37.

⁴⁷ ICC-01/05-01/08-2001, paragraphs 33 to 44; ICC-01/05-01/08-2056, paragraphs 37 to 48; ICC-01/05-01/08-2077, paragraphs 38 to 49; ICC-01/05-01/08-2122, paragraphs 38 to 49.

⁴⁸ Decision on 772 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings, 18 November 2010, ICC-01/05-01/08-1017; Decision on 653 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings, 23 December 2010, ICC-01/05-01/08-1091; ICC-01/05-01/08-1590-Corr; Decision on 270 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings, 25 October 2011, ICC-01/05-01/08-1862; ICC-01-05-01/08-2011.

18. Likewise, in its “Corrigendum to the Decision on 401 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings and setting a final deadline for the submission of new victims’ applications to the Registry”,⁴⁹ the Chamber already addressed the defence’s request for the communication of less redacted versions of the applications as well as the submissions regarding the redactions procedure applied by the VPRS. Furthermore, in its “Decision on 471 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings”,⁵⁰ the Chamber already elaborated upon the defence’s request relating to the confidentiality level of the annexes. In the present circumstances, the defence does not provide any new argument warranting a departure from the Chamber’s previous findings. Accordingly, these requests are not further considered in the context of the present Decision.

B. Summary of the Annexes

19. The applicant-by-applicant analysis is set out in the appended Annexes as follows:

- Annex A, filed as *ex parte* only available to the Registry and Mr Assingambi Zarambaud: analysis of the applications belonging to Group A (alleged crimes committed in or around Bangui and PK12);
- Annex B, filed as *ex parte* only available to the Registry and Ms Marie-Edith Douzima Lawson: analysis of the applications belonging to Group B (alleged crimes committed in or around Damara and Sibut);
- Annex C, filed as *ex parte* only available to the Registry and Ms Marie-Edith Douzima Lawson: analysis of the applications belonging to Group C (alleged crimes committed in or around Boali, Bossembélé, Bossangoa and Bozoum); and
- Annex D, filed as *ex parte* only available to the Registry and Ms Marie-

⁴⁹ ICC-01/05-01/08-1590-Corr, paragraphs 28 to 34 and 38(g).

⁵⁰ Decision on 471 applications by victims to participate in the proceedings, 9 March 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-2162, paragraphs 16 to 17.

Edith Douzima Lawson: analysis of the applications belonging to Group D (alleged crimes committed in or around Mongoumba).

IV. Orders

20. For these reasons, the Chamber hereby:

a. Grants participating status to the following 1377 applicants:

- Group A: a/1528/11; a/1529/11; a/1530/11; a/1531/11; a/1532/11; a/1533/11; a/1534/11; a/1535/11; a/1536/11; a/1537/11; a/1538/11; a/1539/11; a/1540/11; a/1541/11; a/1542/11; a/1543/11; a/1544/11; a/1545/11; a/1546/11; a/1547/11; a/1548/11; a/1549/11; a/1550/11; a/1552/11; a/1553/11; a/1554/11; a/1555/11; a/1579/11; a/1580/11; a/1581/11; a/1582/11; a/1583/11; a/1584/11; a/1585/11; a/1586/11; a/1587/11; a/1588/11; a/1589/11; a/1590/11; a/1591/11; a/1592/11; a/1593/11; a/1597/11; a/1598/11; a/1599/11; a/1600/11; a/1601/11; a/1602/11; a/1603/11; a/1604/11; a/1605/11; a/1606/11; a/1607/11; a/1608/11; a/1609/11; a/1610/11; a/1611/11; a/1613/11; a/1614/11; a/1615/11; a/1618/11; a/1620/11; a/1622/11; a/1623/11; a/1624/11; a/1625/11; a/1773/11; a/1774/11; a/1775/11; a/2686/10; a/16005/11; a/16006/11; a/16007/11; a/16008/11; a/16009/11; a/16010/11; a/16011/11; a/16012/11; a/16014/11; a/16015/11; a/16016/11; a/16030/11; a/16045/11; a/16062/11; a/16063/11; a/16064/11; a/16065/11; a/16066/11; a/16067/11; a/16068/11; a/16069/11; a/16070/11; a/16071/11; a/16072/11; a/16073/11; a/16074/11; a/16075/11; a/16076/11; a/16077/11; a/16078/11; a/16079/11; a/16085/11; a/16086/11; a/16088/11; a/16091/11; a/16092/11; a/16093/11; a/16096/11; a/16098/11; a/16101/11; a/16105/11; a/16114/11; a/16175/11; a/16176/11; a/16177/11; a/16178/11; a/16179/11; a/16180/11; a/16181/11; a/16182/11; a/16183/11; a/16184/11; a/16186/11; a/16187/11; a/16188/11; a/16189/11; a/16190/11; a/16191/11; a/16192/11; a/16194/11; a/16195/11; a/1834/11; a/1835/11; a/1836/11; a/1838/11; a/1839/11; a/1840/11; a/1842/11; a/1843/11; a/1844/11; a/1845/11; a/1846/11; a/1847/11; a/1848/11; a/1851/11; a/1852/11; a/1853/11; a/1855/11; a/1856/11; a/1857/11; a/1858/11;

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b. Rejects the applications to participate of 16 applicants, namely:
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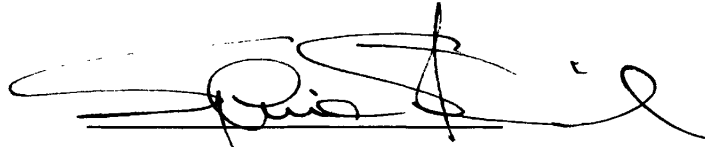
c. Defers its decision on application a/1551/11 until further information is submitted;

d. Approves the VPRS' proposal to withdraw the registration numbers of the duplicate applications a/1759/11, a/1663/11, a/16213/11, a/16246/11, a/16638/11 and a/16903/11 and to consolidate the corresponding applications transmitted in previous sets of applications;

e. Orders the Registry to submit to the Chamber as soon as practicable a report on any potential requests for protective and special measures of victims who have been granted status to participate;

f. Orders the Registry to (i) prepare a report compiling the extracts of the annexes to the present decision relating to applicants represented by the Office of Public Counsel for Victims ("OPCV") and whose applications were rejected; and (ii) notify such report to the OPCV as soon as practicable.

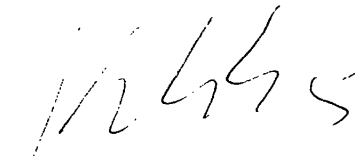
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Sylvia Steiner



Judge Joyce Aluoch



Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this 21 May 2012

At The Hague, The Netherlands