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# International Criminal Court

Original: English No.: ICC-01/04-02/06

Date: 21 March 2013

### PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Presiding Judge

Judge Hans-Peter Kaul Judge Cuno Tarfusser

#### SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

## IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. BOSCO NTAGANDA

**Public** 

Decision Designating a Single Judge

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

**Counsel for the Defence** 

**Legal Representatives of Victims** 

Legal Representatives of 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** 

**REGISTRY** 

Registrar

Silvana Arbia

Deputy Registrar

Didier Preira

Victims and Witnesses Unit

**Detention Section** 

Victims Participation and Reparations

Section

**Others** 

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II** (the "Chamber") of the International Criminal Court (the "Court"), having been assigned the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, from which emanates the case of *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda* (the "Case"), renders this decision with a view to ensuring the proper organization of the proceedings in the upcoming period.

- 1. The Chamber notes that pursuant to article 39(2)(b)(iii) of the Rome Statute (the "Statute"), the functions of the Pre-Trial Chamber shall be carried out either by three judges of the Pre-Trial Division or by a single judge of that Division in accordance with the Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the "Rules").
- 2. Furthermore, according to article 57(2)(b) of the Statute, in all cases other than those listed in article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, a single judge of the Pre-Trial Chamber may exercise the functions provided for in the Statute, unless otherwise provided for in the Rules or by a majority of the Pre-Trial Chamber.
- 3. The Chamber recalls rule 7(1) of the Rules and regulation 47(1) of the Regulations of the Court according to which the designation of a single judge shall be based on objective criteria agreed upon by the Pre-Trial Chamber, including consideration of the issues involved, the circumstances of the proceedings before the Chamber, the distribution of work within the Chamber and the proper management and efficiency in the handling of cases.
- 4. The Chamber considers that in light of the abovementioned criteria and in particular, the need to ensure the proper management, expeditiousness and efficiency of the proceedings, it is appropriate to designate Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova as Single Judge responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber with respect to the Case.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Presidency, "Decision on the constitution of Pre-Trial Chambers and on the assignment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Darfur, Sudan and Côte d'Ivoire situations", ICC-01/04-02/06-32.

### FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

a) designates Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova as Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber, subject to article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, with respect to the case of The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda until decided otherwise;

b) orders the Registrar to file this decision in the record of the case of The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda.

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

Judge Ekaterina Trendafil

**Presiding Judge** 

Judge Hans-Peter Kau

Judge

Judge Cuno Tarfusser

Judge

Dated this Thursday, 21 March 2013 At The Hague, The Netherlands