Cour Pénale Internationale



International Criminal Court

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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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Public redacted version of "Decision ordering the VWU to provide further information in relation to the statement of Witness D04-64" of 26 October 2012

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

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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 requesting the VWU to provide further information in relation to the statement of Witness D04-64.

1. On 18 October 2012, the Chamber received a protection report in relation to Witness D04-PPPP-0064 ("Witness D04-64") from the Victims and Witnesses Unit ("VWU"). The report provides in relevant part:

[REDACTED]

- 2. During the hearing of 22 October 2012, when asked by the Chamber how many times Mr Bemba came to Bangui during the time of the fighting between October 2002 and March 2003, Witness D04-64 replied that he only saw Mr Bemba once.²
- 3. The apparent inconsistency between the information provided in the protection report and the witness's response to the Chamber's questions was explored by the Chamber during the hearing of 23 October 2012:³

[REDACTED]

- 4. In light of the above and pursuant to Article 64(6)(f) of the Statute, the Chamber hereby requests the VWU to provide clarification as to:
 - (i). Whether the information provided in the VWU protection report to the effect that the witness informed the VWU that [REDACTED] is accurate;

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¹ Email from the VWU's Associate Protection Officer to the Chamber of 18 October 2012 at 19.54.

² Transcript of hearing of 22 October 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-T-259-CONF-ENG CT, page 25, lines 17 to 21.

³ Transcript of hearing of 23 October 2012, ICC-01/05-01/08-T-260-CONF-ENG ET, page 38, line 11 to page 39, line 4 and page 39, lines 19 to 22.

- (ii). Whether the interview was video or audio recorded; and
- (iii). The language of the interview and the identities of the individuals who attended the interview.

This information should be submitted via a confidential report, available to the parties and participants, to be filed by 16.00 on 31 October 2012.

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

Judge Sylvia Steiner

Judge Joyce Aluoch

Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this 13 May 2013

At The Hague, The Netherlands