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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**

Public

**Decision on the Registry's "Enregistrement d'une lettre de M. Jean-Pierre
Bemba Gombo datée du 5 décembre 2013"**

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Ms Fatou Bensouda

Mr Jean-Jacques Badibanga

Counsel for the Defence

Mr Peter Haynes

Legal Representatives of the Victims

Ms Marie Edith Douzima-Lawson

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

Mr Xavier-Jean Keïta

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

Registrar

Mr Herman von Hebel

Counsel Support Section

Mr Esteban Peralta Losilla

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 on the Registry’s “Enregistrement d’une lettre de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo datée du 5 décembre 2013”.

1. On 28 November 2013, the Chamber convened a public status conference to discuss, *inter alia*, the issue of the legal representation of the accused.¹ During the status conference, the Chamber sought the accused’s views on the composition of the defence team representing him.² At that time, the accused asked for additional time to confirm the final configuration of his defence team.³
2. On 3 December 2013, the Chamber requested further information as to the state of the arrangements in relation to the legal representation of Mr Bemba.⁴
3. On 6 December 2013, the Registry filed its “Enregistrement d’une lettre de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo datée du 5 décembre 2013”,⁵ transmitting to the Chamber a letter from Mr Bemba in which he confirms that, while he has yet to resolve the issue of the final composition of his defence team, for the time being, Mr Peter Haynes will continue to represent his interests before the Chamber.⁶
4. In accordance with Article 21(1) of the Rome Statute (“Statute”), the Chamber has considered the following provisions: Articles 64(2) and (6)(f), and 67(1)(b) and (d) of the Statute.

¹ Transcript of hearing on 28 November 2013, ICC-01/05-01/08-T-359-ENG-ET. See also Order convening a status conference, 27 November 2013, ICC-01/05-01/08-2907.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-T-359-ENG-ET, page 3, lines 15 to 24.

³ ICC-01/05-01/08-T-359-ENG-ET, page 4, lines 11 to 23.


⁴ Email from the Chamber to the Chief Counsel of the Counsel Support Section on 3 December 2013.

⁵ Enregistrement d’une lettre de M. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo datée du 5 décembre 2013, 6 December 2013, ICC-01/05-01/08-2915, with Annex ICC-01/05-01/08-2915-Anx.


⁶ ICC-01/05-01/08-2915-Anx, letter from Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba to the Presiding Judge of 5 December 2013.

5. The Chamber hereby acknowledges receipt of the letter submitted by Mr Bemba. In view of the content of the letter and in light of the Chamber's obligations under the Statute, the Chamber hereby decides that the current Co-Counsel, Mr Peter Haynes, will continue acting as counsel for Mr Jean Pierre Bemba Gombo until otherwise decided.

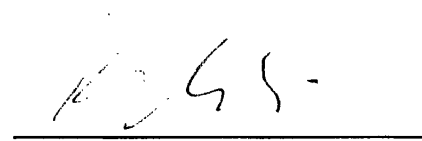
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Sylvia Steiner



Judge Joyce Aluoch



Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this 6 December 2013

At The Hague, The Netherlands