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**International
Criminal
Court**

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No.: ICC-01/05-01/13
Date: 20 January 2014

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Single Judge

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

**IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR *v.* JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO,
AIMÉ KILOLO MUSAMBA, JEAN-JACQUES MANGENDA KABONGO, FIDÈLE
BABALA WANDU *and* NARCISSE ARIDO**

Public

**Decision on the “Demande d’autorisation de se retirer de la présente affaire en
qualité de conseil de monsieur Fidèle Babala Wandu”**

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

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Legal Representatives of Victims

Legal Representatives of Applicants

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence

States Representatives

REGISTRY

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Herman von Hebel

Detention Section

I, Judge Cuno Tarfusser, having been designated as Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II (“Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court;

NOTING the “Demande d’autorisation de se retirer de la présente affaire en qualité de conseil de monsieur Fidèle Babala Wandu”, filed on 16 January 2013, wherein the Defence counsel for Mr Babala informs the Chamber that his mandate has been terminated by his client and, accordingly, requests leave to withdraw from the present case;¹

NOTING article 67 of the Statute, rules 20, 21 and 22 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court;

CONSIDERING that, from the information available to the Single Judge, Mr Babala is in the process of appointing new counsel to represent him;

CONSIDERING that, in order to ensure that Mr Babala be in a position to fully exercise his rights under article 67 of the Statute, it is necessary to ensure continuity of representation and, accordingly, that the current Defence counsel remain in his role until such time as the new Defence counsel of Mr Babala’s choosing has been appointed;

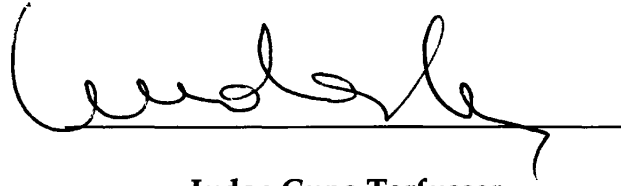
FOR THESE REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

GRANTS leave to the Defence counsel for Mr Babala to withdraw from the case;
and

DECIDES that the current Defence counsel shall continue to perform his role until the new Defence Counsel of Mr Babala’s choosing has been appointed.

¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-101.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cuno Tarfusser', written over a horizontal line.

Judge Cuno Tarfusser
Single Judge

Dated this Monday, 20 January 2014

The Hague, The Netherlands