Cour Pénale Internationale



## International Criminal Court

Original: English No.: ICC-01/05-01/08

Date: 12 February 2014

## 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** 

Order requesting observations on "Defence Motion on Privileged Communications" Order to be notified, in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court, to:

The Office of the Prosecutor Counsel for the Defence

Ms Fatou Bensouda Mr Peter Haynes Mr Jean-Jacques Badibanga Ms Kate Gibson

Legal Representatives of the Victims Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Ms Marie-Edith Douzima Lawson

Unrepresented Victims Unrepresented Applicants for

Participation/Reparation

The Office of Public Counsel for The Office of Public Counsel for the

Victims Defence

Ms Paolina Massidda Mr Xavier-Jean Keïta

States Representatives Amicus Curiae

Registrar Counsel Support Section

Mr Herman von Hebel

Victims and Witnesses Unit Detention Section

Victims Participation and Reparations Other

Section

Trial Chamber III ("Chamber") of the International Criminal Court ("Court"), in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* issues the following "Order requesting observations on 'Defence Motion on Privileged Communications'".

1. On 6 February 2014, the defence filed its "Defence Motion on Privileged Communications" ("Defence Motion"), in which it requests that the Chamber:<sup>1</sup>

ORDER that Mr. Bemba should enjoy privileged communications with members of his current Defence team;

ORDER the cessation of any monitoring or recording of communication between Mr. Bemba and his current Defence team, including but not limited to the monitoring or recording of phone conversations, meetings at the UNDU or the holding cell at the ICC premises;

ORDER the cessation of any monitoring of communication devices of members of the current team whether by the Registry, the Prosecution or any national authorities; and

ORDER the Prosecution to respond to the questions set out in the Letter of 16 January 2014 concerning the monitoring of privileged communications and or communications devices of the members of the current Defence team.

- 2. In order to take an informed decision on the Defence Motion, the Chamber considers it necessary to hear observations from the Office of the Prosecutor ("prosecution") and the Registry which should be submitted no later than 19 February 2014.
- 3. Considering that the personal interests of the victims are not affected, the Chamber does not consider it necessary to receive observations from the legal representative of victims.
- 4. Accordingly, pursuant to Regulation 28 of the Regulations of the Court, the Chamber hereby DIRECTS the prosecution and the Registry to submit their observations on the Defence Motion by Wednesday, 19 February 2014.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defence Motion on Privileged Communications, 6 February 2014, ICC-01/05-01/08-2963 and Annex A, paragraph 12.

The observations should be filed with the appropriate level of confidentiality, depending on their content.

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

Judge Sylvia Steiner

Judge Joyce Aluoch

Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this 12 February 2014

At The Hague, The Netherlands