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## TRIAL CHAMBER I

**Before:** 

Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Presiding Judge

Judge Cuno Tarfusser

Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccia

## SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ

## **Public**

Order scheduling a status conference and setting a provisional agenda

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Ms Fatou Bensouda

Mr James Stewart Mr Eric MacDonald Counsel for Mr Blé Goudé

Mr Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops

**Legal Representatives of Victims** 

**Legal Representatives of 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

States' Representatives

Amicus Curiae

**REGISTRY** 

Registrar

Mr Herman von Hebel

**Counsel Support Section** 

Mr Esteban Peralta-Losilla

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Mr Nigel Verrill

**Detention Section** 

**Victims Participation and Reparations** 

Section

Ms Fiona McKay

**Others** 

**Trial Chamber I** ('Chamber') of the International Criminal Court ('Court'), in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé* ('Blé Goudé case'), having regard to Article 64 (2) and (3) of the Rome Statute ('Statute'), Rule 132(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ('Rules') and Regulation 54 of the Regulations of the Court, issues the following 'Order scheduling a status conference and setting a provisional agenda'.

- 1. On 11 December 2014, Pre-Trial Chamber I, pursuant to Article 61(7) of the Statute, issued the 'Decision on the confirmation of charges against Charles Blé Goudé', in which it confirmed the charges against Mr Blé Goudé.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. On 20 December 2014, the Presidency referred the *Blé Goudé* case to Trial Chamber I.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. On 22 December 2014, the Office of the Prosecutor ('Prosecution') requested the Chamber to join *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo* and the *Blé Goudé case* ('Joinder Request').<sup>3</sup>
- 4. On 9 January 2015, the Registry filed a 'Notification of the appointment of counsel for Mr Charles Blé Goudé' informing the Chamber of the appointment of Mr Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops to represent Mr Blé Goudé as lead counsel.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. The Chamber notes that the decision upon the pending Joinder Request may impact upon trial preparation and all corresponding deadlines. Notwithstanding, in light of its obligation under Rule 132(1) of the Rules to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pre-Trial Chamber I, Decision on the confirmation of charges against Charles Blé Goudé, 11 December 2014, ICC-02/11-02/11-186. *See also* partly dissenting opinion of Judge Van den Wyngaert, ICC-02/11-02/11-186-Apy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Presidency, Corrigendum to the "Decision referring the case of *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé* to Trial Chamber I", ICC-02/11-02/11-193, 20 December 2014 (registered on 22 December 2014), 22 December 2014, ICC-02/11-02/11-193-Corr.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Prosecution's Request to join the cases of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo* and *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé*, 22 December 2014, ICC-02/11-02/11-194, with public annex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Notification of the appointment of counsel for Mr Charles Blé Goudé, 9 January 2015, ICC-02/11-02/198 with Annexes I-II, IV-VII public and Annex III confidential.

hold a status conference '[p]romptly after it is constituted', the Chamber rules that a status conference shall be held on 13 February 2015.

- 6. In order to facilitate the preparation of the parties and of the Legal Representative of Victims ('LRV'), the Chamber issues the following provisional agenda for the status conference:
  - a) Timing, volume and modalities of disclosure of evidence pursuant to Rule 76 of the Rules;
  - b) Whether the Prosecution anticipates issues concerning the protection of witnesses and other persons (including the need for redactions), the disclosure of identities of witnesses, as well as referrals to the Court's witness protection program;
  - c) Material already disclosed and intended to be disclosed by the Prosecution pursuant to Article 67(2) of the Statute and Rule 77 of the Rules;
  - d) Update on victims' applications and the procedure for allowing victims to participate in the trial proceedings;
  - e) Languages to be used in the proceedings, in particular, the languages spoken by the witnesses the parties intend to call and victims the legal representatives may seek authorisation to call;
  - f) Commencement date of the trial; and
  - g) Any issue related to Mr Blé Goudé's detention.
- 7. In order to facilitate preparations for the status conference, the parties shall make written submissions on the provisional agenda items and file such submissions no later than 2 February 2015. In addition, the LRV may make

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- submissions on items d, e and f. The Registry is requested to make submissions on items b, d and e.
- 8. Should the parties, the LRV or the Registry wish to add other items to the agenda of the status conference, the Chamber requests that this be indicated in their written submissions.
- 9. Following receipt of the aforementioned submissions, a further scheduling order will be issued confirming the agenda of the status conference.

## FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

SCHEDULES the first status conference on 13 February 2015, at 10:00; and

**ORDERS** the parties and participants to submit their written observations on the abovementioned provisional agenda and to inform the Chamber of any items they wish to be added to it by 2 February 2015.

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

Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Presiding Judge

Judge Cuno Tarfusser

Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccia

Dated 23 January 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands