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**International
Criminal
Court**

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Date: 27 February 2015

TRIAL CHAMBER VI

Before: Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge
Judge Kuniko Ozaki
Judge Geoffrey Henderson

**SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. BOSCO NTAGANDA***

Public

Decision on the Registry's request for an extension of time for consultations

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

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Ms Nicole Samson

Counsel for Bosco Ntaganda

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Legal Representatives of Victims

Ms Sarah Pellet
Mr Dmytro Suprun

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

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Ms Fiona McKay

Others

Trial Chamber VI ('Chamber') of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*, having regard to Article 64(6)(f) of the Rome Statute and Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court ('Regulations'), issues the following 'Decision on the Registry's request for an extension of time for consultations'.

1. On 6 February 2015, the Chamber issued the 'Decision on the victims' participation in trial proceedings',¹ directing, *inter alia*, the Registry to file a report relevant to the victim representation system which should apply for the trial phase of this case, following consultation with the victims who participated in the confirmation stage, not later than 27 February 2015.²
2. On 19 February 2015, the Registry filed its request for an extension of 15 days for the submission of the report ('Request').³
3. The Office of the Prosecutor,⁴ the Defence⁵ and the Legal Representatives of Victims⁶ indicated that they do not oppose the Request.
4. In the Request, the Registry submits that 'although it is doing its utmost, there are serious difficulties which may prevent it from filing its report on time'.⁷ These difficulties include, in particular, various technical and logistical issues.⁸
5. The Chamber recalls that Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations allows the Chamber to 'extend or reduce a time limit if good cause is shown'. In the circumstances, the Chamber is satisfied that the requisite criteria have been met. Noting, in particular, the nature of the report, the Chamber further finds

¹ ICC-01/04-02/06-449 ('Decision').

² Decision, ICC-01/04-02/06-449, para. 54 and page 24.

³ Request for an Extension of Time to Report on Consultations with Victims on the System for Legal Representation Pursuant to Regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court, ICC-01/04-02/06-465-Conf, page 4.

⁴ E-mail from the Office of the Prosecutor to a Legal Officer of the Chamber on 23 February 2015 at 14:02.

⁵ E-mail from the Defence to a Legal Officer of the Chamber on 25 February 2015 at 13:23.

⁶ E-mail from the Legal Representatives of Victims to a Legal Officer of the Chamber on 23 February 2015 at 8:59.

⁷ Request, ICC-01/04-02/06-465-Conf, page 4.

⁸ Request, ICC-01/04-02/06-465-Conf, pages 3 to 4.

that the requested extension would not prejudice the fair and expeditious conduct of proceedings.

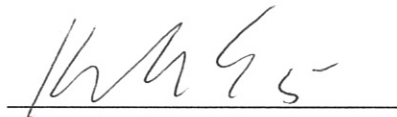
FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

GRANTS the Request.

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

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Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge

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Judge Kuniko Ozaki

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Judge Geoffrey Henderson

Dated 27 February 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands