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**No. ICC-01/13 OA
Date: 6 August 2015**

THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert, Presiding Judge
Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi
Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng
Judge Howard Morrison
Judge Piotr Hofma ski

**SITUATION ON REGISTERED VESSELS OF THE UNION OF THE
COMOROS, THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC AND THE KINGDOM OF
CAMBODIA**

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Directions on the conduct of proceedings

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Ms Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Ms Helen Brady

Legal Representatives of Victims

Mr Geoffrey Nice

Mr Rodney Dixon

The Office of Public Counsel for victims

Ms Paolina Massidda

Mr Enrique Carnero Rojo

States Representatives

Mr Geoffrey Nice

Mr Rodney Dixon

REGISTRY

Registrar

Mr Herman von Hebel

The Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court,

In the appeal of the Prosecutor against the decision of Pre-Trial Chamber I entitled “Decision on the request of the Union of the Comoros to review the Prosecutor’s decision not to initiate an investigation” of 16 July 2015 (ICC-01/13-34),

Noting the “Decision on the Victims’ Participation” of 24 April 2015 (ICC-01/13-18), wherein Pre-Trial Chamber I determined that Mr Geoffrey Nice and Mr Rodney Dixon and Ms Paolina Massidda from the Office of Public Counsel for victims should represent victims who had communicated with the Court about the present proceedings,

Having before it the Prosecutor’s “Notice of Appeal of ‘Decision on the request of the Union of the Comoros to review the Prosecutor’s decision not to initiate an investigation’ (ICC-01/13-34)” of 27 July 2015 (ICC-01/13-35),

Having before it the “Application by the Government of the Comoros to dismiss *in limine* the Prosecution ‘Notice of Appeal of “Decision on the request of the Union of the Comoros to review the Prosecutor’s decision not to initiate an investigation” (ICC-01/13-34)’” of 3 August 2015 (ICC-01/13-39),

Having before it the “Prosecution’s Urgent Response to the Government of the Union of the Comoros’ Application to Dismiss the Appeal *In Limine*, and Request for Extension of Pages under Regulation 37 of the Regulations of the Court” of 4 August 2015 (ICC-01/13-40),

Having before it the “Victims’ request for directions on the conduct of the proceedings following the ‘Notice of Appeal of “Decision on the request of the Union of the Comoros to review the Prosecution [*sic*] not to initiate an investigation” (ICC-01/13-34)’” of 5 August 2015 (ICC-01/13-41),

Considering that, before addressing the merits of this appeal, it is necessary to examine whether the Prosecutor’s appeal is admissible,

Issues the following

DIRECTIONS

1. The Appeals Chamber hereby suspends the running of the applicable time limits for the filing of the document in support of appeal and related submissions pending a decision on the admissibility of the appeal. Subject to the decision of the Appeals Chamber on the admissibility of the appeal, directions will thereafter be given with regard to the timing and length of the submissions on the merits of the appeal.
2. The Prosecutor is invited to make further submissions on the admissibility of the appeal, if deemed necessary, by 16h00 on Friday, 14 August 2015.
3. Should the Prosecutor file further submissions on the admissibility of the appeal, the Union of the Comoros may respond to such submissions by 16h00 on Wednesday, 19 August 2015.
4. The victims who have communicated with the Court and are represented by Ms Paolina Massidda from the Office of Public Counsel for victims and Mr Geoffrey Nice and Mr Rodney Dixon may, if deemed necessary, submit observations on the admissibility of the appeal by 16h00 on Wednesday, 19 August 2015.

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



Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert
Presiding Judge

Dated this 6th day of August 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands