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THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President
Judge Joyce Aluoch, First Vice-President
Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Second Vice-President

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 with Public Annex I and II

Urgent

Decision replacing two judges in Trial Chamber VII

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

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Mr Jean-Pierre Kilenda Kakengi Basila

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THE PRESIDENCY of the International Criminal Court notes that on 27 May 2015, Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion filed a confidential request before the Presidency pursuant to article 41(1) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (“Statute”) and rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), wherein Judge Herrera Carbuccion requested to be excused from her function as a judge of Trial Chamber VII in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, Aimé Kilolo Musamba, Jean-Jacques Mangenda Kabongo, Fidèle Babala Wandu and Narcisse Arido*.¹ The Presidency further notes that on 29 June 2015, Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji also filed a confidential request pursuant to article 41(1) of the Statute of rule 33 of the Rules, wherein Judge Eboe-Osuji requested to be excused from his function as a judge of Trial Chamber VII in that same case.²

On 24 August 2015, the Presidency granted Judge Carbuccion’s request for excusal as a judge of Trial Chamber VII (Annex I).

On 24 August 2015, the Presidency granted Judge Eboe-Osuji’s request for excusal as a judge of Trial Chamber VII (Annex II).

The Presidency recalls article 39(1), (2)(b)(ii) and (4) of the Statute, rule 38 of the Rules and regulation 15 of the Regulations of the Court.

The Presidency recalls that on 17 March 2015, Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, assigned to the Pre-Trial Division, was temporarily attached to the Trial Division.³

The Presidency hereby decides to temporarily attach Judge Raul Pangalangan, currently assigned to the Pre-Trial Division, to the Trial Division.

The Presidency hereby decides to recompose Trial Chamber VII as follows, effective as of 24 August 2015:

Judge Bertram Schmitt

Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut

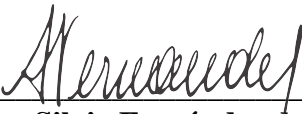
¹ Request for excusal pursuant to Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, 27 May 2015, 2015/PRES/00175.

² Request for Excusal, 29 June 2015, 2015/PRES/00243.

³ See e.g. Presidency, *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga*, “Decision replacing two judges in Trial Chamber II”, ICC-01/04-01/07-3530.

Judge Raul Pangalangan

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



Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi
President

Dated this 24 August 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands