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TRIAL CHAMBER VII

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Single Judge

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**

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**Decision on Request of Mr Michael Karnavas for Leave to Submit Amicus Curiae
Observations**

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

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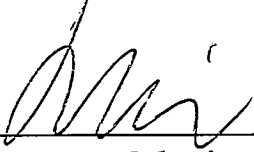
Judge Bertram Schmitt, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber VII ('Single Judge' and 'Chamber', respectively) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, Aimé Kilolo Musamba, Jean-Jacques Mangenda Kabongo, Fidèle Babala Wandu and Narcisse Arido*, having regard to Rule 103(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, issues the following 'Decision on Request of Mr Michael Karnavas for Leave to Submit Amicus Curiae Observations'.

1. On 31 August 2015, Mr Michael Karnavas sought leave to submit observations as amicus curiae on questions of attorney-client privilege raised in a previous decision of the Chamber.¹
2. The Single Judge does not consider that it is 'desirable for the proper determination of the case' to receive the proposed amicus curiae submission.² The Chamber is in a position to answer the questions raised by the request without such assistance.³

THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

REJECTS the relief sought in the request.

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



Judge Bertram Schmitt, Single Judge

Dated 3 September 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹ Request for Leave to Submit Amicus Curiae Observations pursuant to Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, ICC-01/05-01/13-1205 (notified 1 September 2015), *referencing* Decision on Defence Request for Leave to Appeal the 'Decision Providing Materials in Two Independent Counsel Reports and Related Matters', 21 July 2015, ICC-01/05-01/13-1096.

² Rule 103(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

³ The Chamber has indeed rendered decisions on these matters already. Decision Providing Materials in Two Independent Counsel Reports and Related Matters, 15 May 2015, ICC-01/05-01/13-947.