Cour Pénale Internationale



# International Criminal Court

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## PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Joyce Aluoch, Presiding Judge

Judge Cuno Tarfusser Judge Péter Kovács

## SITUATION IN GEORGIA

## **Public**

Decision on the Prosecutor's "Request for extension of page limit for a request pursuant to article 15(3) and rule 50(2)"

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

James Stewart, Deputy Prosecutor

**Counsel for Defence** 

**Legal Representatives of Victims** 

**Legal Representatives of Applicants** 

**Unrepresented Victims** 

Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation

The Office of Public Counsel for

**Victims** 

The Office of Public Counsel for the

Defence

**States Representatives** 

**Amicus Curiae** 

## **REGISTRY**

Registrar

**Counsel Support Section** 

Herman von Hebel

**Victims and Witnesses Unit** 

**Detention Section** 

Victims Participation and Reparations

Section

**Others** 

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I (the "Chamber") of the International Criminal Court issues the present decision on the Prosecutor's "Request for extension of page limit for a request pursuant to article 15(3) and rule 50(2)"

1. On 8 October 2015, the Presidency assigned the situation in Georgia to this Chamber.<sup>2</sup>

2. On 9 October 2015, the Prosecutor lodged the Request, submitting that the complexity of the factual and legal issues necessitates an extension of page limit by an additional 60 pages (amounting to a total of 160 pages).<sup>3</sup>

3. The Chamber notes rule 50(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulations 37(2) and 38(1)(e) of the Regulations of the Court (the "Regulations"). The Chamber may extend the page limit in "exceptional circumstances", pursuant to regulation 37(2) of the Regulations.

4. The Chamber is persuaded by the Prosecutor's submission that granting the requested extension of page limit will permit her to "set forth in sufficient detail the relevant facts to request authorisation (...) to proceed with an investigation into the situation". Accordingly, the Chamber considers that the Prosecutor demonstrated the existence of exceptional circumstances which justify the extension of the page limit.

#### FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

**grants** the Request.

(the "Request")1

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ICC-01/15-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Presidency, Decision assigning the Situation in Georgia to Pre-Trial Chamber I, ICC-01/15-1 with public annex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ICC-01/15-2, paras 2-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ICC-01/15-2, para. 3.

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

Judge Joyce Aluoch Presiding Judge

Judge Cuno Tarfusser

Judge Péter Kovács

Dated this Friday, 9 October 2015 At The Hague, The Netherlands