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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 Three Requests to Add Items to Lists of Evidence

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 Regulations 23 *bis* and 35 of the Regulations of the Court, issues the following 'Decision on Three Requests to Add Items to Lists of Evidence'.

- 1. On 6 April 2016, the defence for Mr Kilolo requested to add seven items to its list of evidence.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. On 7 April 2016, the defence for Mr Arido requested to amend its list of evidence, and in particular to add eight items.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. On 8 April 2016, the defence for Mr Bemba requested to add 13 items to its list of evidence (collectively, 'Requests').<sup>3</sup>
- 4. By 13 April 2016,<sup>4</sup> the Office of the Prosecutor indicated that it deferred to the discretion of the Chamber on the Requests while reserving the right to challenge the formal submission and/or admissibility of the documents in question.<sup>5</sup>
- 5. For the reasons advanced by the defence teams and noting that the Requests are all unopposed, the Single Judge grants the relief sought.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kilolo Defence Request to Amend its List of Evidence, ICC-01/05-01/13-1776-Conf (notified 7 April 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Narcisse Arido's Request to Amend the Defence List of Evidence, ICC-01/05-01/13-1778 (with confidential annex).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Defence Request to add items on the list of Evidence, ICC-01/05-01/13-1792-Conf-Corr (corrigendum notified 13 April 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Responses to ICC-01/05-01/13-1776-Conf had to be filed by 11 April 2016. Email from Trial Chamber VII Communications to the parties, 7 April 2016 at 11:50. Responses to ICC-01/05-01/13-1778 and ICC-01/05-01/13-1792-Conf had to be filed by 13 April 2016. Email from Trial Chamber VII Communications to the parties, 11 April 2016 at 16:34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prosecution Response to "Kilolo Defence Request to Amend its List of Evidence" (ICC-01/05-01/13-1776-Conf), 7 April 2016, ICC-01/05-01/13-1777-Conf; Prosecution's Consolidated Response to "Narcisse Arido's Request to Amend the Defence List of Evidence" (ICC-01/05-01/13-1778) and the Bemba Defence's "Request to add items on the list of Evidence" (ICC-01/05-01/13-1792-Conf), 13 April 2016, ICC-01/05-01/13-1802-Conf.

## FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

**GRANTS** the Requests;

**ORDERS** the Registry to reclassify ICC-01/05-01/13-1776-Conf; ICC-01/05-01/13-1777-Conf and ICC-01/05-01/13-1802-Conf as 'public'; and

**ORDERS** the defence for Mr Bemba to file a redacted version of ICC-01/05-01/13-1792-Conf forthwith.

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

Judge Bertram Schmitt, Single Judge

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Dated 14 April 2016

At The Hague, The Netherlands