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TRIAL CHAMBER VI

Before: Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge

Judge Kuniko Ozaki Judge Chang-ho Chung

## SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR $v.\ BOSCO\ NTAGANDA$

Public

Order amending the schedule for the presentation of victims' views and concerns

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

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**Legal Representatives of Victims Legal Representatives of Applicants** 

Ms Sarah Pellet Mr Dmytro Suprun

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Participation/Reparation

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**Victims Participation and Reparations** Others

Section

**Trial Chamber VI** ('Chamber') of the International Criminal Court ('Court'), in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*, having regard to Articles 64 and 68 of the Rome Statute, and Regulation 34 of the Regulations of the Court, issues the following 'Order amending the schedule for the presentation of victims' views and concerns'.

- 1. On 10 February 2017, the Chamber issued a decision, in which it, *inter alia*, authorised six victims ('Victims') to present their views and concerns, and scheduled that such presentation be given, by video-link, on 2 and 3 March 2017 ('Decision').¹ The Chamber also directed the Legal Representative of Victims of the Attacks ('LRV') to file any requests for measures pursuant to Rule 87 or 88 of the Rules for these victims by20 February 2017, and the parties to file any response to such requests by 28 February 2017.²
- 2. On 17 February 2017, the LRV filed a request for in-court protective and special measures for three of the six Victims ('Protective Measures Request').<sup>3</sup>
- 3. On 20 February 2017, in accordance with the deadline set out in the Decision,<sup>4</sup> the LRV provided the identifying information concerning the authorised victims.<sup>5</sup>
- 4. On 22 February 2017, the Registry informed the Chamber of logistical difficulties<sup>6</sup> requiring the presentation of the Victims' views and concerns to be rescheduled. Noting that the proposed new schedule would only entail bringing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision on the request by the Legal Representative of the Victims of the Attacks for leave to present evidence and victims' views and concerns, ICC-01/04-02/06-1780-Conf ('Decision on the request for leave to present victims' views and concerns'). A public redacted version was filed on 15 February 2017, ICC-01/04-02/06-1780-Red, paras 49, 55-57, and page 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Decision on the request for leave to present victims' views and concerns, ICC-01/04-02/06-1780-Red, paras. 51-54, and page, 20.

 $<sup>51\</sup>text{-}54,$  and page. 20 .  $^3$  Request by the Common Legal Representative of the Victims of the Attacks for in-court protective/special measures for victims a/01635/13, a/20018/14 and a/30286/15, ICC-01/04-02/06-1793-Conf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Decision, ICC-01/04-02/06-1780-Red, para. 51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Communication by the Common Legal Representative of the Victims of the Attacks of the Disclosure of Evidence Pursuant to Trial Chamber VI's Decision No. ICC-01/04-02/06-1780-Conf dated 10 February 2017, ICC-01/04-02/06-1795-Conf, with confidential Annexes 1 and 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Email communication from the Registry to the Chamber sent on 22 February 2017 at 10:18.

forward the hearings by one day, and thus shall not unduly impact the Victims, or the parties and participants, the Chamber therefore amends the schedule as set out in the Decision and directs that the presentation of views and concerns will take place on 1 and 2 March 2017.

5. In addition, in order to allow for the Chamber's decision on the Protective Measures Request to be issued in a timely manner, the Chamber considers it appropriate to shorten the deadline for any responses to the aforementioned request by one day.

## THE CHAMBER HEREBY

**DIRECTS** that the hearing for the presentation of views and concerns by the Victims will take place on 1 and 2 March 2017; and

**DIRECTS** that any response to the Protective Measures Request be filed by 27 February 2017.

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

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Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge

Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Judge Chang-ho Chung

Dated 22 February 2017

At The Hague, The Netherlands