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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Presiding Judge

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. LAURENT GBAGBO and CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ***

Public with confidential annex

**Decision on the schedule of hearings after the summer recess, the order and
manner of appearance of all witnesses**

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

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Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo and Charles Blé Goudé*, having regard to Article 64(8)(b) of the Rome Statute and Rule 140 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, issues this decision on the schedule of hearings for the period after the summer recess and on the order and manner of appearance of all witnesses still to be called by the Office of the Prosecutor as of 19 June 2017.

1. The calendar weeks during which the Chamber will sit, following the summer recess of 2017, are as follows:

- 28 to 31 August 2017;
- 4 to 8 September 2017;
- 11 to 15 September 2017;
- 25 to 28 September 2017;
- 2 to 6 October 2017;
- 9 to 13 October 2017;
- 16 to 20 October 2017;
- 6 to 10 November 2017;
- 13 to 17 November 2017;
- 27 November to 1 December 2017;
- 4 to 8 December 2017;

Envisaged beginning of hearings after the winter recess 2018:

- 15 January 2018.

2. The Presiding Judge, after having communicated the schedule of sitting days, considers it necessary – due to the recent problems related to the avoidable non-appearance of some witnesses as planned and the subsequent loss of a number of hearing days (seven in a row only recently) which have adversely affected the expeditious conduct of the proceedings – to direct the parties on

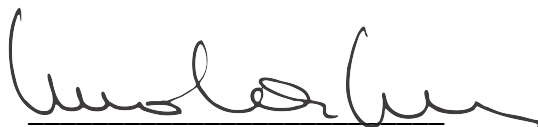
the order and manner, in terms of week(s) and duration of the questioning, in which all remaining OTP witnesses shall be heard.

3. The Office of the Prosecutor is instructed to liaise well in advance with the Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU”) in order for the VWU to be able to organise that the witnesses appear before the Chamber, *viva voce* or via video link if so authorised, during the week and for the time specified in the confidential annex.
4. The VWU is instructed to inform immediately the Presiding Judge of any problem or inconvenience which arises that may have a potential negative impact on the schedule.
5. It goes without saying that this schedule and the order of appearance of witnesses – as set forth in the confidential annex to this decision – are without prejudice to any adjustments or amendment that may become necessary due to now unforeseeable developments.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE PRESIDING JUDGE HEREBY

DECIDES that the schedule of hearings and the weekly order of appearance of witnesses shall proceed as outlined in this decision and its confidential annex, without prejudice to any necessary adjustments.

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



Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Presiding Judge

Dated this 7 June 2017

At The Hague, The Netherlands