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**TRIAL CHAMBER III**

**Before:** Judge Joyce Aluoch, Presiding Judge  
Judge Geoffrey Henderson  
Judge Chang-ho Chung

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC  
IN THE CASE OF  
THE PROSECUTOR  
v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO**

**Public  
with Confidential Annex A**

**Decision on the Legal Representatives request for extension of time**

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

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Ms Kate Gibson

**Legal Representatives of the Victims**

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**Legal Representatives of the Applicants**

**Unrepresented Victims**

**Unrepresented Applicants for  
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for  
Victims**

Ms Paolina Massidda

**The Office of Public Counsel for the  
Defence**

Mr Xavier-Jean Keita

**States Representatives**

**Amicus Curiae**

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**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

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**Victims Participation and Reparations  
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Mr Pieter de Baan

Trial Chamber III (“Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (“Court”), in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, having regard to Regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court (“Regulations”), issues the following “Decision on the Legal Representatives request for extension of time”:

1. The Chamber recalls the procedural history set out in its “Decision on the Defence request for an extension of time to file additional observations for reparations”,<sup>1</sup> in which it, *inter alia*, extended the deadlines for the Office of Public Counsel for Victims and the Legal Representative for Victims (together, “Legal Representatives”) to file additional information they wish to be considered in the reparations order (“Additional Information”) to 27 November 2017.<sup>2</sup> The Chamber also recalls the procedural history set out in its “Decision on the Defence’s further request for a revision of the timetable for the filing of documents”,<sup>3</sup> in which it, *inter alia*, agreed to receive joint Additional Information submissions from the Legal Representatives.<sup>4</sup>
2. On 27 November 2017, the Chamber received a request from the Legal Representatives to further extend the deadline for filing their joint Additional Information submissions to 1 December 2017 (“Request”).<sup>5</sup> The extension is requested due to communication and security issues being experienced in the field by the Legal Representative for Victims.
3. The Request, which was received by way of email due to the time-sensitive nature of the matter, is placed on the record by way of confidential Annex A to this decision.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision on the Defence request for an extension of time to file additional observations for reparations, 8 November 2017, ICC-01/05-01/08-3569, paras 1-5.

<sup>2</sup> ICC-01/05-01/08-3569, paras 7-8.

<sup>3</sup> Decision on the Defence’s further request for a revision of the timetable for the filing of documents, 22 November 2017, ICC-01/05-01/08-3576, paras 1-7.

<sup>4</sup> ICC-01/05-01/08-3576, para. 14.



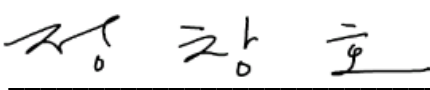
<sup>5</sup> Email from the Office of Public Counsel for Victims, also on behalf of the Legal Representative for Victims, to the Legal Adviser to the Chamber, 27 November 2017, 08:51.

4. On 27 November 2017, the Chamber issued a ruling, by email, granting the Request.<sup>6</sup> The ruling and the reasons therefor, are placed on the record by way of this decision.
5. Pursuant to Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations, the Chamber may extend or reduce a time limit if good cause is shown, and, where appropriate, after having given the participants an opportunity to be heard.
6. Notwithstanding that the Request was made by email on the same day as the deadline, the Chamber is satisfied, having regard to the circumstances described in the Request, that timely finalisation of the submissions has been prevented for reasons outside the Legal Representatives' control. It accordingly considers that good cause has been established for extending the deadline to 1 December 2017, as requested.

**FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY**

**GRANTS** the Request.

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

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| <br><hr/> Judge Geoffrey Henderson | <br><hr/> Judge Joyce Aluoch | <br><hr/> Judge Chang-ho Chung |
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Dated this 28 November 2017

At The Hague, The Netherlands

<sup>6</sup> Email from the Chamber to the Legal Representatives, 27 November 2017, 12:43.