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Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

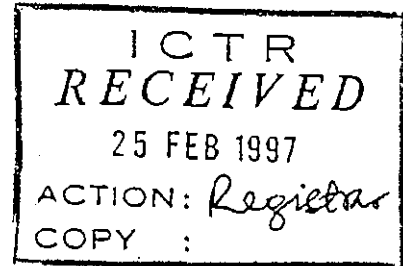
CHAMBRE 1 - CHAMBER 1

OR : FR

Before: Judge Laity Kama, Presiding Judge
Judge Lennart Aspegren
Judge Navanethem Pillay

Registrar: Mr. Frederik Harhoff
Ms Prisca Nyambe
Mr. Jean-Pelé Fomété

Decision of: 16 January 1997



THE PROSECUTOR
VERSUS
JEAN-PAUL AKAYESU

Case No. ICTR-96-4-T

DECISION ON THE REQUEST OF THE ACCUSED
FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ASSIGNED COUNSEL

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Yacob Haile-Mariam
Mr. Pierre-Richard Prosper
Ms. Sara Darehshori

Counsel for the Accused:

Mr. Nicolas Tiangaye
Mr. Patrice Monthé



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THE TRIBUNAL,

SITTING as Trial Chamber 1 of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda ("the Tribunal"), composed of Judge Laïty Kama as Presiding Judge, Judge Lennart Aspegren and Judge Navanethem Pillay;

HAVING RECEIVED an application from the accused Jean-Paul Akayesu, dated 9 January 1997, requesting the replacement of the Counsel assigned to him by the Registrar pursuant to the Tribunal's Decision dated 20 November 1996;

CONSIDERING the extensive correspondence from the accused Jean-Paul Akayesu addressed to the President of the Tribunal regarding the replacement of his Counsel, especially his letter dated 8 January 1997, in which he states that he no longer needs the Tribunal to act on his various letters concerning the assignment of his counsel, :

TAKING NOTE of the successive applications by the accused Jean-Paul Akayesu requesting replacement of counsel assigned to him, having already granted his request twice;

WHEREAS Article 19 of the Directive on the Assignment of Counsel states that only in exceptional cases may the assigned counsel be replaced;

WHEREAS the Tribunal considers that the accused Jean-Paul Akayesu has not proved the existence of such exceptional circumstances;

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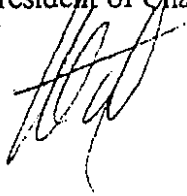
FOR THESE REASONS,

THE TRIBUNAL DECIDES,

- 1) to dismiss the third application for replacement of assigned counsel filed by Jean-Paul Akayesu and, consequently to keep Mr. Nicolas Tiangaye as the counsel assigned by the Tribunal in this case;
- 2) that this decision terminates the interim measures of the Tribunal dated 13 January 1997, whereby the Tribunal temporarily allowed the accused Jean-Paul Akayesu to cross-examine the witnesses.

Arusha, 16 January 1997,

Laity Kama
 President of Chamber



Lennart Aspegren
 Lennart Aspegren
 Judge

Navanethem Pillay
 Navanethem Pillay
 Judge

(Seal of the Tribunal)

