



International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda

CHAMBER 1 - CHAMBRE 1

OR : FR

Before:

Judge Laïty Kama, Presiding Judge
Judge Lennart Aspegren
Judge Navanethem Pillay

Registrar:

Ms Prisca Nyambe

Decision of: 6 March 1997

**THE PROSECUTOR
VERSUS
GEORGES ANDERSON NDERUBUMWE RUTAGANDA**

Case No. ICTR-96-3-T

**DECISION ON
POSPONEMENT OF THE TRIAL**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr James Stewart
Ms Brenda Sue Thornton

Counsel for the Accused:

Ms Tiphaine Dickson

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;

CONSIDERING the motion filed by the Prosecutor on 5 March 1997, pursuant to Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, requesting a two week delay in commencement of the Trial on its merits;

HAVING HEARD the Prosecutor and the Defence Counsel during the session of 6 March 1997;

WHEREAS the Prosecutor submitted that she requires additional time, firstly, to prepare for the trial because a new Senior Trial Attorney has been assigned to this case, and secondly, to accomodate the request made by the Defence during the session of 7 February 1997 for the disclosure of the three "Belgian Dossiers" and of material pertaining to the assassinations of the Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi on 6 April 1994;

WHEREAS the Defence, subject to the said materials requested during the session of 7 February 1997 being made available to her before the start of the trial, does not in principle object to this additional delay;

MINDFUL of the right of the accused to be tried without undue delay in accordance with Article 20(c) of the Statute of the Tribunal;

HAVING NOTED that the start of the trial on its merits was scheduled for 11 March 1997;

FOR THESE REASONS,

GRANTS relief to the request for postponment;

DECIDES to postpone the start of the Trial until Tuesday 18 March 1997 at 09:30hrs.

Arusha, 6 March 1997

Laïty Kama
Presiding Judge

Lennart Aspegren
Judge

Navanethem Pillay
Judge

(Seal of the Tribunal)