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27 November 1997

**THE PROSECUTOR
VERSUS
THEONESTE BAGOSORA**

Case No. ICTR-96-7-T

**COMMUNICATION TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM IN RESPECT TO ITS
REQUEST FOR AN AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF**

The Trial Chamber notes the request for an Amicus Curiae brief in the matter of Prosecutor Versus Theoneste Bagosora, Case No. ICTR-96-7-T;

The indictment brought against the accused, Theoneste Bagosora by the Prosecution was confirmed by Judge Lennart Aspregen on 10 August 1997 pursuant to rule 47 (D) on the basis that there was sufficient evidence to provide reasonable grounds for indicting him for Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity, violations of common Article 3 to the Geneva Conventions, and of the Additional Protocol thereto. A copy of the indictment is enclosed for your information;

On 7 March 1997, at initial appearance, the accused appeared before the Trial Chamber and pleaded not guilty to all counts of the indictment, and the case is pending for trial on merits;

The Trial Chamber after considering the letter by the Honourable Minister of Justice of the Kingdom of Belgium, hereby invites the Kingdom of Belgium to file a motion under rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence to seek leave if it wishes to pursue Amicus Curiae brief in order to be heard and participate in the proceedings;

After the said motion has been filed, the Kingdom of Belgium will be notified of the date of hearing and afforded an opportunity to appear before the Trial Chamber in order to make submissions in support of its motion to seek leave to appear, the Trial Chamber then exercising its jurisdiction vested in it by virtue of Rule 74 of the rules, will make judicial determination on the motion.

Judge William H. Sekule
Presiding Judge

Judge Yakov Ostrovsky
Judge

Judge Tafazzal H. Khan
Judge

Arusha, 27 November 1997



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