

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens responsible for genocide and other such violations committed in the territory of neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

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Case No: ICTR-97 34-7

Date: 18 December 998

Original: English

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, Presiding

Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen

Judge Lal Chand Vohrah

Judge Wang Tieya

Judge Rafael Nieto-Navia

Registrar:

Mr. Agwu U. Okali

Decision of:

18 December 1998

PROSECUTOR

GRATIEN KABILIGI

DECISION REJECTING NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Prosecution:

Mr. David Spencer

Mr. William Egbe

Mr. Chile Eboe-Osuji

Mr. Mathias Marcussen

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International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda Tribunal penal international pour le Rwanda

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THE APPEALS CHAMBER of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens responsible for genocide and other such violations committed in the territory of neighbouring states, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994 ("the Tribunal"),

NOTING the "Decision of the Trial Chamber II on the Defence Motion to Lodge Complaint and Open Investigations into Alleged Acts of Torture under Rules 40 (C) and 73 (A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence" ("the Decision"), filed on 6 October 1998, dismissing a Defence motion ("the Defence Motion") seeking to open an investigation into Defence allegations of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment inflicted on the Accused, Gratien Kabiligi ("the Appellant"), by the investigators;

NOTING the "Notice of Appeal from the Trial Chamber II Decision" ("the Notice of Appeal"), filed by the Appellant on 13 October 1998;

NOTING the "Prosecutor's Response to Defence's Appeal of the Decision on Defence Motion to Lodge Complaint and Open Investigations into Alleged Acts of Torture under Rules 40 C and 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence", filed on 24 November 1998;

NOTING that the Notice of Appeal relies on Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("the Rules");

CONSIDERING that Sub-rule 72 (D) of the Rules provides that decisions on preliminary motions are without interlocutory appeal, save in the case of dismissal of an objection based on lack of jurisdiction, where an appeal will lie as of right;

NOTING that the Notice of Appeal does not challenge the jurisdiction of the Tribunal;

FINDING that the Notice of Appeal does not contain an objection based on lack of jurisdiction within the meaning of Sub-rules 72 (B) (i) and 72 (D) of the Rules;

FINDING, accordingly, that there is no right of appeal against the Decision;

HEREBY REJECTS the Notice of Appeal.

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

Femire Knecker

Gabrielle Kirk McDonald Presiding Judge

Dated this eighteenth day of December 1998 At The Hague, Netherlands.



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