UNITED NATIONS



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

CRIMINAL REGISTRY

Case No: ICTR-96-18ECEIVED

Date: 18 December 1998

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

Order of:

18 December 1998

PROSECUTOR

v.

ANATOLE NSENGIYUMVA

SHEDULING ORDER

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. David Spencer

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Mr. Luc Cote

Ms. Josee D'aoust

Counsel for the Appellant:

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NAME / NOIS Marianne Ben Salimo

Case No. ICTR-96-12-A

18 December 1998

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 I January and 31 December 1994 ("the Tribunal"),

NOTING that the Accused Anatole Nsengiyumva ("the Appellant") made his initial appearance before Trial Chamber I composed of Judge Kama, presiding, Judge Sekule and Judge Pillay;

NOTING the decisions taken by the President of the Tribunal to redistribute work between Trial Chamber I and Trial Chamber II and to change their respective composition;

NOTING that the motions of the Prosecutor for leave to amend certain indictments against, inter alia, the Appellant and for joinder of accused ("the Prosecutor's Motions) came before Trial Chamber II;

NOTING the oral decision of Trial Chamber II of 28 September 1998 in which the objection by the Appellant to that Trial Chamber's hearing of the Prosecutor's Motions was dismissed ("the Decision");

NOTING the "Notice of Appeal (Article 24 Rule 108)" ("the Notice of Appeal"), filed by the Appellant on 5 October 1998;

NOTING the "Prosecutor's Response and Challenge to the Admissibility of the Accused's Notice of Appeal" and the "Prosecutor's Motion for an Expedited Appeal Procedure Pursuant to Articles 14 and 28(2) of the Statute of the ICTR and Rules 117 and 108 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as Amended", both filed on 21 October 1998;

CONSIDERING that Article 24 of the Statute of the Tribunal provides for appeals;

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 lies as of right;

DESIRING to proceed speedily but to be further assisted by the Parties;

HEREBY ORDERS the Parties to submit written briefs within fourteen days from the date of this Order in which they shall address the following questions:

- (a) whether the appeal is from dismissal of an objection based on lack of jurisdiction within the meaning of Sub-rule 72(D); and
- (b) if it is,
 - (i) whether Trial Chamber II is competent to hear the Prosecutor's Motions; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the Trial Chamber was lawfully composed;

AND DECIDES to dispose of the appeal without further argument as soon as practicable after expiry of the time for submission of such briefs.

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

Gabrielle Kirk McDonald Presiding Judge

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



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