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Before:

Judge Lloyd George Williams, Presiding Judge Yakov Ostrovsky Judge Pavel Dolenc

Registrar: Mr. Adama Dieng

Decision of: 5 December 2001

THE PROSECUTOR versus THEONESTE BAGOSORA ANATOLE NSENGIYUMVA GRATIEN KABILIGI ALOYS NTABAKUZE

Case No. ICTR-98-41-I

DECISION ON THE DEFENCE MOTION FOR DISCLOSURES

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THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA (the "Tribunal")

SITTING as Trial Chamber III composed of Judge Lloyd George Williams, presiding, Judge Yakov Ostrovsky, and Judge Pavel Dolenc (the "Chamber");

BEING SEIZED of the Defence Motion for Disclosures, filed 21 November 2001 (the "Motion");

CONSIDERING the submissions made by the parties on the Motion at a hearing on 4 December 2001;

NOW DECIDES the matter.

WHEREAS the Defence moves the Chamber to order the Prosecutor to disclose to the Defence complete versions of statements made by witnesses ZB and ZC, extracts of which were disclosed to the Defence in the supporting material. The Defence prays that the disclosures be ordered pursuant to Rule 66(A)(ii) to be made within eight days of the Decision and in any event at least two months before the date set for the commencement of the trial, that is by 2 February 2002.

WHEREAS the Prosecutor objects to the Motion on the ground that it is premature. The Prosecutor has not yet identified which witnesses she intends to call to testify at trial and the period of time for disclosure of witness statements, prescribed by Rule 66(A)(ii), has not yet expired.

WHEREAS Rule 66(A)(ii) which governs disclosures of witness statements requires the Prosecutor to disclose to the Defence, not later than sixty days before the date set for trial, copies of witness statements of the witnesses whom she intends to call to testify at trial. This requirement is subject to Rules 53, 69, and 66(C).

WHEREAS the date set for trial is 2 April 2002.

WHEREAS the Chamber finds that the Prosecutor is not in breach of her obligations under Rule 66(A)(ii) and that it would be premature to make an order for disclosure of statements of witnesses ZB and ZC at this time.

CONSEQUENTLY, THE TRIBUNAL HEREBY

DISMISSES the Defence Motion.

Arusha, 5 December 2001.

Lloyd George Williams Judge, presiding

Yakov Ostrovsky Judge

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Pavel Dolenc Judge