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**TRIAL CHAMBER I**

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Before: Judge Navanethem Pillay, Presiding

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**THE PROSECUTOR v. ELIÉZER NIYITEGEKA**  
(Case No. ICTR -96-14-T)

**DECISION ON THE EXTREMELY URGENT DEFENCE MOTION TO EXTEND  
THE TIME FOR FILING ITS CLOSING BRIEF**

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**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA**

**SITTING** as Judge Navanethem Pillay designated by the Trial Chamber, pursuant to Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal ("the Rules");

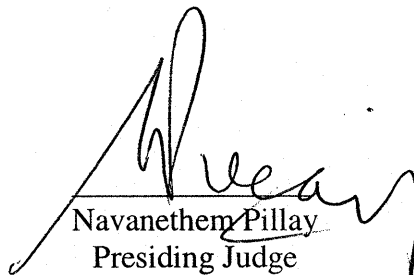
**BEING SEIZED OF** the Defence motion filed 14 February 2003 requesting an extension of time within which to file its Closing Brief due to the fact that the Defence has faced circumstances beyond its control, namely, "technological difficulties experienced following an electrical storm in Arusha";

**NOTING** that the trial closed on 15 November 2002 and the Defence was given three months from that date to file its Closing Brief;

**FURTHER NOTING** that the Prosecution filed its Closing Brief on 16 December 2002, two weeks before 31 December 2002, which was the deadline set by the Trial Chamber;

**THE TRIAL CHAMBER HEREBY DENIES THE DEFENCE MOTION.** Consequently, the Defence must file its Closing Brief by close of day on Monday 17 February 2003 and no further documents shall be received after that date unless authorised by the Chamber.

Arusha 14 February 2003.

  
Navanethem Pillay  
Presiding Judge

