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TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before:

Judge Lloyd G. Williams, Q.C.

Registrar:

Adama Dieng

Date:

26 February 2003

THE PROSECUTOR v.

FRANÇOIS KARERA

CASE NO. ICTR-2001-74-I



DECISION ON THE PROSECUTOR'S EXTREMELY URGENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE TO A DEFENCE **MOTION**

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THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA ("TRIBUNAL")

SITTING in the person of Judge Lloyd G. Williams, Q.C., designated by Trial Chamber III pursuant to Rule 73 (A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal ("Rules");

BEING SEISED of the Prosecutor's Extremely Urgent Motion Pursuant to Rules 53 and 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence for Extension of Time within which to file a Response ("Motion") filed on 24 February 2003;

CONSIDERING that the Motion follows the filing in French of a Defence motion on 22 February 2003;

NOTING that the Prosecutor, claiming that French is not the working language of any member of her team, requests an extension of time beyond the five-day time limit prescribed for filing responses to motions under to Rule 73 (D) so as to receive an English translation of the Defence Motion;

CONSIDERING that the Registrar's obligation to translate documents into the Tribunal's working languages, pursuant to Rule 3 (E), is not an acceptable excuse for the Prosecutor to seek an extension, because as explained by the Appeals Chamber, the Prosecutor must be able to work equally in English and French;¹

DENIES the Motion.

Arusha, 26 February 2003

Lloyd G/Williams, Q.C



¹ The Prosecutor v. Casimir Bizimungu Case No ICTR-99-50-A; Appeals Chamber's Decision of 13 December 2002 on the Application to Appeal Against the Provisional Release Decision of Trial Chamber II of 4 November 2002. The Prosecutor v. Elie Ndayambaje Case No ICTR-96-8-A; Appeals Chamber Decision of 10 January 2003 on Motion to Appeal Against the Provisional Release Decision of Trial Chamber II of 21 October 2002.