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International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Theodor Meron, Presiding Judge

Judge Florence Mumba Judge Mehmet Güney Judge Wolfgang Schomburg

Judge Inés Mónica Weinberg de Roca

Registrar:

Mr. Adama Dieng

Decision of:

13 February 2004

Aloys SIMBA

v.

THE PROSECUTOR

Case No. ICTR-01-76-AR72

DECISION ON ALOYS SIMBA'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Counsel for the Prosecution

Mr William Egbe Mr Sulaiman Khan Ms Amina Ibrahim Counsel for the Defence

Mr Sadikou Ayo Alao Ms Beth Lione

ICTA Appeals Chamber

Case No. ICTR-01-76-AR72

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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 ("Appeals Chamber" and "International Tribunal", respectively),

BEING SEISED OF the "Requête en extrême urgence de la défense en vue d'obtenir une autorisation à répliquer à date fixe ou une prorogation des délais pour le dépôt de son recours en appel contre la décision en date du 26 janvier 2004 rendue par la première chambre du TPIR relative à la requête de la défense en exception préjudicielle pour vices de forme des quatre chefs d'accusation et en incompétence (Articles 72(a), B(i) et H(iv) du RPP)", filed on 3 February 2004 ("Motion");

NOTING Trial Chamber I's "Decision on Defence Motion alleging Defects in the Form of the Indictment" dated 26 January 2004 ("Impugned Decision");

NOTING that, pursuant to Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal ("Rules"), appeals in the case of motions challenging jurisdiction shall be filed within fifteen days of filing of the Impugned Decision;

NOTING that the Motion seeks an extension of time within which to file an appeal following receipt of the French translation of the Impugned Decision;

NOTING that the Prosecution has not filed a response to the Motion;

CONSIDERING that the working language of the Defence is French;

CONSIDERING that Rule 116(A) of the Rules permits the Appeals Chamber to grant a motion to extend a time limit "upon a showing of good cause";

CONSIDERING that, in light of Rule 116(B) of the Rules, good cause has been shown for granting an extension of time pursuant to Rule 116(A) of the Rules;

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FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

HEREBY GRANTS the Motion;

ORDERS that Defendant Aloys Simba's appeal may be filed within fifteen days of receipt the French translation of the Impugned Decision; and

DIRECTS the Registrar to ensure that the French translation of the Impugned Decision is forwarded without delay to the Defendant, if he has not already done so.

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

Theodor Meron Presiding Judge

Done this 13th day of February 2004, At The Hague, The Netherlands.

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