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**TRIAL CHAMBER II** 

Before: Judge Khalida Rachid Khan, Presiding

**Registrar:** Mr. Adama Dieng

Date:

19 May 2004

The PROSECUTOR v. Casimir BIZIMUNGU Justin MUGENZI Jérôme BICAMUMPAKA Prosper MUGIRANEZA

Case No. ICTR-99-50-T

## DECISION ON THE MOTIONS FOR VARIATION OF THE PROSECUTOR'S INITIAL WITNESS LIST

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

**SITTING** as Trial Chamber II, composed of Judge Khalida Rachid Khan, Presiding, assigned to decide this Motion pursuant to Rule 73(A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, (the "Trial Chamber");

**BEING SEIZED OF** The "Prosecutor's Motion for Leave to Vary his Initial List of Witnesses pursuant to Rule 73*bis*(E)" filed on 19 December 2003, (the "First Motion");

**HAVING RECEIVED** the following submissions by the Parties:

- (i) The "Clarification and/or Corrigendum to the Prosecutor's Witness List" filed on 19 December 2004;
- (ii) The "Response by those Representing Justin Mugenzi to the Prosecutor's Motion for Leave to Vary his Initial List of Witnesses pursuant to Rule 73bis(E)" filed on 20 January 2004;
- (iii) The "Motion to Extend Delay to File and Response of Defendant Bicamumpaka to Prosecutor's Motion for Leave to Vary his Initial List of Witnesses pursuant to Rule 73bis(E)" filed on 23 January 2004;
- (iv) The "Motion for the Chamber to Include Further Matters in its Consideration of the Prosecutor's Motion of 16 December 2003" filed on 10 March 2004;
- (v) The "Prosecutor's Response to Justin Mugenzi's Motion for the Chamber to Include Further Matters in its Consideration of the Prosecutor's Motion of 16 December 2003" filed on 16 March 2004;
- (vi) The "Prosecutor's Very Urgent Motion to Vary his Initial List of Witnesses in Response to Status Conference Deliberations and Varying/Modifying his Motion for Leave to Vary his Initial List of Witnesses Dated 16 December 2003 still pending before the Trial Chamber" filed on 4 May 2004, (the "Second Motion");

**NOTING** the "Prosecutor's List of Witnesses" filed on 21 October 2004 **AND** the "Prosecutor's List of Witnesses for Next Session" filed on 6 April 2004;

**CONSIDERING** that the Trial Chamber has noticed many inconsistencies in the requests from the Prosecutor as well as many unexplained and confusing contradictions between the witness lists and the motions filed;

**CONSIDERING FURTHER** that the Trial Chamber was unable to decipher what exactly the Prosecutor was requesting in his motions;

**CONSIDERING FINALLY** that the Trial Chamber expects diligence and rigour from the Prosecutor in his filings of such witness lists and motions;

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#### THE TRIAL CHAMBER HEREBY

**DENIES** the First and Second Motions in all respects, without prejudice to the filing of further applications.

**DRAWS** the attention of the Prosecutor to the provisions of Rule 73*bis*(E) **AND EXPECTS** him to act in accordance therewith.

**ORDERS** the Prosecutor to file a consolidated and final list of witnesses within three (3) days after the filing of the present decision.

**ORDERS** the Prosecutor to file within three (3) days a calling order of witnesses for the next session scheduled to start on 7 June 2004.

**REMINDS** the Prosecutor that strict adherence to the deadlines fixed by the Trial Chamber is essential to facilitate the Registry's task in organizing the timely production of witnesses before the Trial Chamber.

Arusha, 19 May 2004

Khalida Rachid Khan Presiding Judge

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