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#### TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

Judge Sergei Alekseevich Egorov

Registrar:

Adama Dieng

Date:

14 June 2004

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

Aloys SIMBA

Case No. ICTR-01-76-I

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#### DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION FOR ORDER IN REFERENCE TO RULE 73BIS

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

**SITTING** as Trial Chamber I, composed of Judge Sergei Alekseevich Egorov, 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 "Motion for Order in Reference to Rule 73bis (RPE), pursuant to Article 73 (RPE)", filed on 27 May 2004;

CONSIDERING the Prosecution's Response, filed on 1 June 2004;

**HEREBY DECIDES** the motion.

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Indictment against the Accused was confirmed on 8 January 2002. The amended Indictment was filed on 27 January 2004, and the trial is scheduled to commence on 16 August 2004. During the Pre-Trial Conference on 13 May 2004, Counsel for the Prosecution and Defence were directed by the Chamber to meet to resolve disclosure issues.

#### **SUBMISSIONS**

- 2. The Defence requests that the Chamber order the Prosecution to translate certain of its exhibits; provide the Defence with a precise list of Prosecution witnesses and the order in which they will appear; indicate in the "Summary of Witness Testimony" which evidence relates to which paragraphs of the Indictment and the elements of the offences charged; and include in the same Summary the estimated length of time for each witness's testimony.
- 3. The Prosecution seeks a dismissal of the motion. As to the first request, the Prosecution submits that the exhibits have been provided to the Translation Section for translation, and it is not the Prosecution's duty to translate documents. With regard to the list of witnesses, the Prosecution responds that such a list was provided on 6 April 2004, and it is not obliged to state the order in which the witnesses will appear. In relation to the third request, the Prosecution argues that it has complied with the Rules, which do not state that it has to specify which witness will testify to which paragraph of the indictment. With regard to the last request, the Prosecution contends that it provided the estimated lengths of the witnesses' testimonies during the Status Conference on 15 January 2004.

#### **DELIBERATIONS**

4. With respect to the first request for translations, the Chamber reminds the Defence that it is the Translation Section of the Tribunal that is responsible for the translation of documents; therefore, there is no duty on the Prosecution to translate all its documents. Documents received by the Registry are routinely sent to the Translation Section for translation, unless there are contrary instructions from the Chamber.

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- 5. As to the list of witnesses, the Chamber notes that a list has been provided. The Rules do not compel the Prosecution to state the order of the witnesses to be called, and the Chamber notes that the practice is for the order of the witnesses to be called in a particular week to be notified as soon as possible before that week. This arrangement is due to the fact that there may be difficulties transferring witnesses to Arusha to testify.
- 6. Turning to the Summary, the Chamber considers that the Summary need not cite the paragraphs of the Indictment, nor the elements of the offence, that each witness will testify to, as Rule 73bis merely refers to the "points" of the Indictment. The Chamber recalls that the Prosecution did provide estimated lengths of time of each witness's testimony during the Status Conference, and that therefore the information has been disclosed to the Defence.
- 7. The Chamber considers that this motion was unnecessary and a waste of judicial time and resources, especially after the Chamber directed parties to sort out these matters between themselves. A careful reading of the Rules would have counselled the Defence against making such a motion. The Chamber is compelled to warn the Defence that should it make further motions that may be regarded as frivolous, the Chamber may order the non-payment of fees and/or costs, as provided under Rule 73(F).

#### FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, THE CHAMBER

**DENIES** the motion.

Arusha, 14 June 2004

Sergei Alekseevich Egorov Judge

(Seal of the Tribunal)





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