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International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda

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TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before Judges:

Dennis C. M. Byron, Presiding

Registrar:

Adama Dieng

Date:

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THE PROSECUTOR

v.

Édouard KAREMERA Mathieu NGIRUMPATSE Joseph NZIRORERA André RWAMAKUBA

Case No. ICTR-98-44-R73

DECISION ON TIME-LIMIT TO FILE A RESPONSE Rule 73(E) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

Office of the Prosecutor:

Don Webster Holo Makwaia Dior Fall Gregory Lombardi Bongani Dyani Sunkarie Ballah-Conteh Tamara Cummings-John Takeh Sendze

Defence Counsel:

Dior Diagne Mbaye and Félix Sow, for Édouard Karemera Charles Roach and Frédéric Weyl, for Mathieu Ngirumpatse Peter Robinson, for Joseph Nzirorera David Hooper and Andreas O'Shea, for André Rwamakuba

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

SITTING as Trial Chamber III composed of Judge Dennis C. M. Byron;

CONSIDERING Mathieu Ngirumpatse's Motion requesting extension of time to respond to Prosecution Motion to sever Rwamakuba and for leave to file separate amended indictments against Rwamakuba and against Karemera, Ngirumpatse and Nzirorera, or alternatively for leave to amend the indictment against Karemera, Ngirumpatse, Nzirorera and Rwamakuba ("Defence"), filed on 7 January 2005;

HEREBY DECIDES the Motion, pursuant to Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules").

1. On 20 December 2004, the Prosecution filed a Motion entitled "Consolidated Motion to Sever Rwamakuba from the Joint Indictment and to Try Him Separately, For Leave to a Separate Amended Indictment against Rwamakuba, and For Leave to File a Separate Amended Indictment Against Karemera, Ngirumpatse and Nzirorera, or alternatively, Prosecutor's Motion for Leave to Amend the Indictment against Karemera, Ngirumpatse, Nzirorera and Rwamakuba" ("Prosecution Motion").

2. The Defence requests an extension of time of two judicial days from the receipt of the said Prosecution Motion to file its response. The Defence claims that Prosecution Motion has not been served upon it officially or unofficially. The Defence contends that it has knowledge of the said motion only from Joseph Nzirorera's Response to the Prosecution Motion filed on 4 January 2005.

3. The Chamber recalls that, pursuant to Rule 73(E) of the Rules and in principle, a responding party has to file any reply within five days "from the date on which Counsel received the motion" (emphasis added).

4. The Chamber notes that, on 10 January 2005, the Prosecution Motion and Annexes thereto have been served to the Defence. The Chamber observes also that, within five days from the date on which the Counsel received the Prosecution Motion, on 14 January 2005, the Defence filed its response to the said Motion. Accordingly, the Chamber is of the view that no extension of time is required in the present case.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS,

THE CHAMBER

DISMISSES the motion.



Decision on Time-Limit to File a Response

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Arusha, 17 January 2005, done in English.

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Dennis C. M. Byron Presiding Judge

