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## IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Florence Ndepele Mwachande Mumba, Presiding

Judge Mehmet Güney Judge Fausto Pocar

Judge Wolfgang Schomburg

Judge Inés Mónica Weinberg de Roca

Registrar:

Mr. Adama Dieng

Decision of:

28 January 2005

ICTR Appeals Chamber

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Parties, Judicial

**JOSEPH NZABIRINDA** 

THE PROSECUTOR Case No. ICTR-2001-77-AR72

DECISION ON JOSEPH NZABIRINDA'S NOTICE OF APPEAL

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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 and 31 December 1994 ("Tribunal");

BEING SEISED OF the "Notice of Appeal" filed by Joseph Nzabirinda ("Appellant") on 27 October 2004, in which the Appellant gives notice of his intention to appeal on a number of grounds the "Decision on Joseph Nzabirinda's Motion to Set Aside the Registrar's Decision to Withhold the Amount Owed to Him in Meeting the Cost of His Defence," rendered by the Trial Chamber on 28 September 2004 ("Impugned Decision");

NOTING the Impugned Decision in which the Trial Chamber recalled that, pursuant to Article 33(A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal ("Rules"), "[u]nder the authority of the President, [the Registrar] shall be responsible for the administration and servicing of the Tribunal and shall serve as its channel of communication"; declared itself incompetent to review the Registrar's decision as requested by the Appellant because it concerned an administrative procedural issue; and determined that the President of the International Tribunal was the sole authority with competence to review the said Registrar's decision;<sup>1</sup>

NOTING that under Rule 73(A) and (B) of the Rules, "...either party may move before a Trial Chamber for appropriate ruling or relief after the initial appearance of the accused" but that "[d]ecisions rendered on such motions are without interlocutory appeal save with certification by the Trial Chamber...";

NOTING further that, under Rule 73(C) of the Rules, "[r]equests for certification shall be filed within seven days of the filing of the impugned decision...[and] [i]f certification is granted, a party shall appeal to the Appeals Chamber within seven days of the filing of the decision to certify.";

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Impugned Decision, paras 10, 11.

CONSIDERING that the Appellant has not requested certification of the Impugned Decision for interlocutory appeal pursuant to the requirements of Rule 73 of the Rules, nor has the Trial Chamber granted such certification *proprio motu* prior to his filing of his Notice of Appeal;

CONSIDERING therefore that the Impugned Decision is without interlocutory appeal and that this Appeals Chamber lacks jurisdiction to dispose of the Appellant's "Notice of Appeal";

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, HEREBY DISMISSES the Appellant's "Notice of Appeal".

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

Florence Ndepele Mwachande Mumba Presiding Judge

Done this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005, At the Hague, The Netherlands.

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