





# 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

Gberdao Gustave Kam

Vagn Joensen

Registrar:

Adama Dieng

Date:

17 February 2009

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

Édouard KAREMERA Mathieu NGIRUMPATSE Joseph NZIRORERA

Case No. ICTR-98-44-T

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# DECISION ON JOSEPH NZIRORERA'S FIFTH MOTION FOR INSPECTION OF DEFENCE WITNESS INFORMATION

Rule 66(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

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Decision on Joseph Nzirorera's Fifth Motion for Inspection of Defence Witness Information

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#### INTRODUCTION

1. Joseph Nzirorera has moved the Chamber, pursuant to Rule 66(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, for inspection of:

"All items which the Prosecution intends to use as exhibits in its cross-examination of any of the witnesses contained on *Joseph Nzirorera's Confidential Witness List* (8 December 2008)"

2. The Prosecution opposes the motion in its entirety.<sup>2</sup>

#### **DELIBERATIONS**

- 3. Under Rule 66(B), the Prosecutor shall, at the request of the Defence, permit the Defence to inspect any books, documents, photographs, and tangible objects in his custody or control, which are material to the preparation of the defence. However, the Appeals Chamber in *Bagosora et.al.* has clearly stated that Rule 66(B) of the Rules does not create a broad affirmative obligation on the Prosecution to disclose any and all documents which may be relevant to its cross-examination of defence witnesses, and that the Rule is only triggered by a sufficiently specific request by the defence.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. The Chamber finds that Joseph Nzirorera's motion is tantamount to a request for inspection of any and all documents that may be relevant to the Prosecution's cross-examination of his witnesses. Noting that the Appeals Chamber has unequivocally rejected such broad applications, the Chamber denies Nzirorera's motion.

## FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER

**DENIES** Joseph Nzirorera's Motion.

Arusha, 17 February 2009, done in English.

Dennis C. M. Byron

Presiding Judge

Gberdao Gustave Kam Judge

Judge

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Joseph Nzirorera's Fifth Motion for Inspection of Defence Witness Information, filed on 19 January 2008; Reply Brief: Joseph Nzirorera's Fifth Motion for Inspection of Defence Witness Information, filed on 28 January 2009.

Prosecutor's Response to Nzirorera's Fifth Motion for Inspection of Defence Witness Information, filed on 26 January 2009.

Prosecutor v. Bagosora et al., Case No. ICTR-98-41-AR73, Decision on Interlocutory Appeal Relating to Disclosure under Rule 66(B) of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence (AC), 25 September 2006, para. 10.