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International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
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TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before Judges: Khalida Rachid Khan, presiding
Lee Gacuiga Muthoga
Aydin Sefa Akay

Registrar: Mr. Adama Dieng

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THE PROSECUTOR

v.

Léonidas NSHOGOZA

Case No. ICTR-07-91-T

**DECISION ON DEFENCE REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A
PRE-DEFENCE BRIEF**

Rules 54 and 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

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INTRODUCTION

1. On 27 February 2009, the Chamber held a Pre-Defence Conference during which it ordered the Defence to file a Pre-Defence Brief by 4 March 2009.¹
2. On 2 March 2009, the Defence filed a motion seeking an extension of time to file its Pre-Defence Brief.²

DISCUSSION

3. The Defence submits that it will be in Rwanda from 1 March 2009 until 6 March 2009, and that it will be in a better position to file its Pre-Defence Brief after it has completed its investigations in Rwanda.³
4. In light of the Defence submissions, the Chamber considers it appropriate to grant the Defence request for an extension of time. The Chamber considers that the Pre-Defence Brief should be filed not later than the commencement of the Defence case, which is 9 March 2009.

FOR THESE REASONS, the Chamber

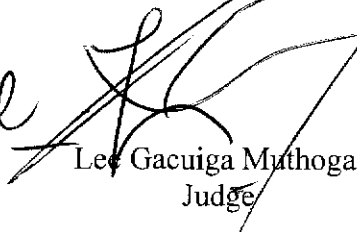
GRANTS the Defence Motion for extension of time; and,

ORDERS the Defence to file its Pre-Defence Brief by 10:00 a.m. on 9 March 2009.

Arusha, 4 March 2009



Khalida Rachid Khan
Presiding Judge



Le Gacuiga Muthoga
Judge



Aydin Sefa Akay
Judge

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¹ *Prosecutor v. Nshogoza*, T. 27 February 2009.

² *Nshogoza*, "Defence Request for Reconsideration of the 'Decision on Defence Motion for Postponement of the Defence Case' and Request to Postpone the Filing of the Pre-Defence Brief," filed 2 March 2009 ("Motion").

³ Motion, para. 15.