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DECISION ON JOSEPH NZIRORERA'S RENEWED MOTION FOR VARIATION OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR WITNESSES DB15-11, DC2-5 AND CBP99

Rule 75 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

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INTRODUCTION

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1. On 8 June 2004, the Chamber ordered protective measures for all Defence witnesses in this case, including for Witness DB15-11 and Witness DC2-5, who testified as protected witnesses on behalf of General Augustin Bizimungu, and Witness CBP99, who testified as a protected witness on behalf of General Augustin Ndindiliyimana.¹

2. On 3 June 2009, Joseph Nzirorera, on trial before another Trial Chamber, filed a motion requesting this Trial Chamber to vary the protective measures granted to Witness DB15-11, on the ground that Witness DB15-11 wished to testify on his behalf without protective measures in *The Prosecutor v. Karemera et al.* ("*Karemera et al.*").²

3. On 9 June 2009, the Chamber ordered that the protective measures granted to Witness DB15-11 in this case should not apply to her prospective testimony in the *Karemera et al.* proceedings.³

4. On 6 and 9 July 2009, Nzirorera filed two motions requesting the Chamber to vary the protective measures granted to Witnesses DC2-5 and CBP99 respectively on the ground that these Witnesses wished to testify on his behalf without the benefit of protective measures.⁴

5. On 10 and 13 July 2009, the Prosecution responded to the above motions, opposing the Defence requests on the ground that Nzirorera had not provided any evidence to substantiate his claims that the witnesses had opted to testify without protective measures and calling the Chamber's attention to the fact that Witness CBP99 had recently testified as a protected witness before another Trial Chamber.⁵

6. On 16 July 2009, the Chamber determined that it had erred in granting Nzirorera's request to vary the protective measures for Witness DB15-11 since he did not provide any evidence to support his submission that the witness was willing to testify without protective measures. Further, the Chamber noted that Nzirorera had filed three motions in a short period of time requesting the Chamber to vary the protective measures of witnesses that had earlier testified before it. The Chamber therefore *proprio motu*, reconsidered its Decision varying protective measures for Witness DB15-11 and ordered Nzirorera to file a consolidated Motion requesting variation of protective measures for all of his prospective witnesses who testified as protected witnesses before this Chamber and to provide supporting evidence in respect of the Motion for each witness.⁶

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¹ Décision sur la Requête de la Défense aux fins de measures de protection des témoins a décharge, (TC), 8 June 2004.

² Joseph Nzirorera's Motion to Vary Protective Measures: Witness DB15-11, 3 June 2009.

 ³ Decision on Nzirorera Defence Motion to Vary Protective Measures for Witness DB15-11 (TC), 9 June 2009.
⁴ Joseph Nzirorera's Motion to Vary Protective Measures: Witness DC2-5, 6 July 2009, para. 4; Joseph Nzirorera's Motion to Vary Protective Measures: Witness CBP99, 9 July 2009, para. 4.

⁵ Prosecutor's Response to Joseph Nzirorera's Motion to Vary Protective Measures: Witness DC2-5, 10 July 2009, para. 7; Prosecutor's Response to Joseph Nzirorera's Motion to Vary Protective Measures: Witness CBP99, 13 July 2009, paras. 6-7.

⁶ Decision on Joseph Nzirorera's Motion for Variation of Protective Measures for Witnesses DC2-5 and CBP99.

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7. On 28 July 2009, Nzirorera filed the current motion to vary the protective measures of Witnesses DB15-11, DC2-5, and CBP99,⁷ and a confidential annex that included signed written statements from each of the witnesses indicating that they wished to testify as defence witnesses for Nzirorera without protective measures.⁸

DELIBERATIONS

8. The Chamber has closely examined the statements contained in the Confidential Annex to Nzirorera's Motion, and is satisfied that Witnesses DB15-11, DC2-5, and CBP99 are willing to testify on the behalf of Nzirorera without the benefit of protective measures and are aware of the consequences of their decision to testify openly.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, THE CHAMBER

GRANTS the Defence Motion;

ORDERS that the protective measures granted to Witnesses DB15-11, DC2-5, and CBP99 in this case shall not apply to their testimony in the case *The Prosecutor v. Karemera et al.*

Arusha, 9 September 2009, done in English.

Read and Approved by

Asoka de Silva

Presiding Judge



Seon Ki Park

Judge

⁷ Joseph Nzirorera's Renewed Motion to Vary Protective Measures: Witnesses DB15-11, DC2-5, and CBP99, filed 28 July 2009.

⁸ Confidential Annex to Joseph Nzirorera's Renewed Motion to Vary Protective Measures: Witnesses DB15-11, DC2-5, and CBP99, filed 28 July 2009.