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**International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda  
Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda**

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**TRIAL CHAMBER II**

**Before Judges:** Arlette Ramaroson, presiding  
Taghrid Hikmet  
Joseph Masanche

**Registrar:** Adama Dieng

**Date:** 13 January 2010

**THE PROSECUTOR  
v.  
ILDEPHONSE HATEGEKIMANA**

**Case No. ICTR-00-55B-T**

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**DECISION REGARDING MOTIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
FILE CLOSING BRIEFS AND TO PRESENT CLOSING ARGUMENTS**

*Rules 54 and 86 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence*

**Office of the Prosecutor:**  
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Peter Tafah  
Adama Niane  
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**Defence Counsel:**  
A.R. Dovi  
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## INTRODUCTION

1. On 16 March 2009, the trial in the present case before Trial Chamber II commenced. The Prosecution conducted its case in one trial session: from 16 March to 04 May 2009. Over the course of twenty-two trial days, the Prosecution called twenty witnesses.
2. The Defence case, which opened on 22 June 2009, was conducted during two trial sessions: from 22 June to 07 July 2009 and from 23 September to 06 October 2009. During twenty-one trial days, the Defence called twenty witnesses.
3. On 19 October 2009, the Trial Chamber issued a Scheduling Order, in which it instructed both Parties to file their closing briefs no later than 15 January 2010 and to present their closing arguments on 25 February 2010. In the same Order, the Chamber also instructed the Parties to limit their closing briefs to no more than one hundred twenty-five (125) pages, including annexes.
4. On 06 January 2010, the Defence filed a Motion in which it requested the Chamber to extend the filing date for the Defence closing brief to 31 January 2010. The Defence also requested the Chamber to extend the length of the contents of the brief to one hundred fifty pages.
5. On 11 January 2010, the Prosecution filed a Response to the Defence Motion, in which it submitted that all measures granted to the Defence should likewise be accorded to the Prosecution.
6. On 12 January 2010, the Chamber met with the Parties to discuss in detail the above submissions. During this meeting, the Defence requested that, if the filing date were extended, so too should the date for the Parties' closing arguments be postponed in order to allow sufficient time for translation of the closing briefs, necessary for the final arguments before the Chamber. The Prosecution endorsed this request.
7. Having carefully considered the Parties' submissions and noting that 31 January 2010 is a Sunday, when the Tribunal is not open to receive filed documents,

### THE CHAMBER HEREBY

- I. **ORDERS** both Parties to file their closing briefs, consisting of no more than one hundred fifty (150) pages, including annexes, and using 1.5 spacing, no later than Monday, 01 February 2010;
- II. **DECIDES** that the Parties' closing arguments will be heard on Thursday, 08 April 2010, commencing at 9.00 a.m.;

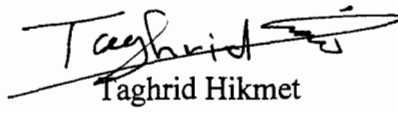
**III. GRANTS**, subject to adjustments as appropriate,

- i. Two hours for the presentation of each Party’s closing arguments (the Prosecutor, followed by the Defence);
- ii. One hour for the Prosecution rebuttal; and
- iii. One hour for the Defence rejoinder.

Arusha, 13 January 2009  
[read and approved by]

  
Arlette Ramaroson

Presiding Judge  
[absent at the time of signature]

  
Taghrid Hikmet

Judge

  
Joseph Masanche

Judge

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