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26<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
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IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Fausto Pocar, Presiding  
Judge Mehmet Güney  
Judge Andréia Vaz  
Judge Theodor Meron  
Judge Carmel Agius

ICTR Appeals Chamber

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011

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Parties, JPU, LOs, LSS

Decision of: 26 August 2011

ILDEPHONSE HATEGEKIMANA

v.

THE PROSECUTOR

Case No. ICTR-00-55B-A

**DECISION ON ILDEPHONSE HATEGEKIMANA'S MOTION TO ORDER THE  
PROSECUTION TO DISCLOSE DOCUMENTS**

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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 (“Appeals Chamber” and “Tribunal”, respectively);

**BEING SEISED** of a Motion filed on 28 July 2011 by Mr. Ildephonse Hategekimana, in which he requests the Appeals Chamber to order the Prosecution to disclose various documents from domestic judicial proceedings in Rwanda, Belgium, and Canada (“Requested Documents”);<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** the Prosecution’s Response filed on 10 August 2011,<sup>2</sup> and Mr. Hategekimana’s Reply filed on 15 August 2011;<sup>3</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that the Response was filed after the expiration of the prescribed time-limit;<sup>4</sup>

**FINDING**, nonetheless, that it is in the interests of justice to consider the Response;<sup>5</sup>

**NOTING** Mr. Hategekimana’s submission that the Requested Documents could mitigate his guilt, thus rendering several of his convictions unsafe;<sup>6</sup>

**NOTING** that Mr. Hategekimana “is convinced” that the Prosecution is in possession of the Requested Documents<sup>7</sup> because it recently disclosed two related judicial documents from Rwanda;<sup>8</sup>

**NOTING** that the Prosecution responds that Mr. Hategekimana has not demonstrated that it is in possession of the Requested Documents or that they are exculpatory;<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Requête en extrême urgence de Ildephonse Hatagekimana [sic] aux fins d’enjoindre au Procureur de divulguer toutes les pièces en sa possession concernant le procès de l’accusé en vertu de l’article 68 du Règlement de preuve et de procédure [sic] (RPP)*, 28 July 2011 (“Motion”), para. 8, p. 5.

<sup>2</sup> *Réponse du Procureur à la «Requête en extrême urgence d’Ildephonse Hategekimana aux fins d’enjoindre au Procureur de divulguer toutes les pièces en sa possession concernant le procès de l’accusé en vertu de l’article 68 du Règlement de preuve et de procédure [sic] (RPP)» déposée le 28 juillet 2011*, 10 August 2011 (“Response”).

<sup>3</sup> *Réplique à la réponse du Procureur à la requête en extrême urgence de Ildephonse Hatagekimana [sic] aux fins d’enjoindre au Procureur de divulguer toutes les pièces en sa possession concernant le procès de l’accusé en vertu de l’article 68 du Règlement de preuve et de procédure [sic] (RPP)*, 15 August 2011 (“Reply”).

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Practice Direction on Procedure for the Filing of Written Submissions in Appeal Proceedings Before the Tribunal, 8 December 2006 (“Practice Direction”), a response should be filed within ten days of the filing of the motion and a reply within four days of the filing of the response.

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to paragraph 19 of the Practice Direction, the Appeals Chamber may exercise its discretion to recognise “as validly done any act done after the expiration of a time-limit so prescribed.”

<sup>6</sup> Reply, paras. 13, 14.

<sup>7</sup> Motion, para. 7. *See also* Reply, para. 12.

<sup>8</sup> Motion, paras. 3-5. *See also* Response, paras. 5-7, 10.

<sup>9</sup> Response, paras. 4, 16.

**NOTING** that Mr. Hategekimana replies that the Prosecution has not explicitly indicated that the Requested Documents are not in its possession;<sup>10</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. Hategekimana has not supported his claim that the Requested Documents are in the custody or under the control of the Prosecution;

**CONSIDERING** that the Prosecution has no obligation to obtain judicial material related to its witnesses from Rwanda or other domestic jurisdictions;<sup>11</sup>

**HEREBY**

**DENIES** the Motion.

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

Done this twenty-sixth day of August 2011,  
at The Hague,  
The Netherlands.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fausto Pocar", is written above a horizontal line.

Judge Fausto Pocar  
Presiding Judge

<sup>10</sup> Reply, para. 11.

<sup>11</sup> See, e.g., *Callixte Kalimanzira v. The Prosecutor*, Case No. ICTR-05-88-A, Judgement, 20 October 2010, para. 25; *Georges Anderson Nderubumwe Rutaganda v. The Prosecutor*, Case No. ICTR-96-03-R, Decision on Requests for Reconsideration, Review, Assignment of Counsel, Disclosure, and Clarification, 8 December 2006, para. 45; *Juvénal Kajelijeli v. The Prosecutor*, Case No. ICTR-98-44A-A, Judgement, 23 May 2005, para. 263.