

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

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#### TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Judge William H. Sekule, Presiding

Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa

Judge Mparany Rajohnson

Registrar:

Mr. Adama Dieng

Date:

20 February 2012

The PROSECUTOR

v.

Augustin NGIRABATWARE

Case No. ICTR-99-54-T

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ORDER TO REGISTRAR FOR SUBMISSIONS CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF VIDEO-LINK TESTIMONY FROM SENEGAL

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## THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA (the "Tribunal"),

**SITTING** as Trial Chamber II composed of Judges William H. Sekule, Presiding, Solomy Balungi Bossa, and Mparany Rajohnson (the "Chamber");

**RECALLING** the Chamber's "Decision on Prosecution Motion for Leave to Present Rebuttal Witnesses" of 14 November 2011, wherein the Chamber allowed the Prosecution to call eight rebuttal witnesses immediately after the close of the Defence case;<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** the "Extremely Urgent Confidential Prosecution Motion for Testimony via Video-Link for Prosecution Rebuttal Witnesses II, V, VI and VII", filed confidentially on 9 February 2012 (the "Prosecution Motion"), which is currently under deliberation;

**CONSIDERING** that the Prosecution seeks to present the testimony of four rebuttal witnesses via video-link from Senegal during the current trial session, which is scheduled to end on 9 March 2012;<sup>3</sup> and

**CONSIDERING** further that the feasibility of any such video-link testimony may be a matter, among other things, for the Chamber to take into account in resolving the Prosecution Motion;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision on Prosecution Motion for Leave to Present Rebuttal Witnesses (TC), 14 November 2011, p. 14. <sup>2</sup> The Chamber notes that the Prosecution filed a Corrigendum later in the day on 9 February 2012, which corrected the title of this Motion. See Corrigendum Extremely Urgent Confidential Prosecution Motion for Testimony via Video-Link for Prosecution Rebuttal Witnesses II, V VI and VII, 9 February 2012, para. 3. <sup>3</sup> See Prosecution Motion, paras. 5, 11. See also Prosecutor's Reply to Defence Response to the Extremely Urgent Confidential Prosecution Motion for Testimony via Video-Link for Prosecution Rebuttal Witnesses II, V, VI and VII, 15 February 2012, para. 21.

## FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, THE CHAMBER

**INVITES** the Registrar to provide submissions under Rule 33(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence on whether these witnesses could be heard via video-link from Senegal and, if so, from which location in Senegal and how much time would be needed to prepare for this;

**REQUESTS** the Registrar to provide these submissions to the Chamber and the Parties as soon as possible and in any case within two days from the date of this Order; and

GRANTS the Parties one day from receipt of the Registrar's submissions to file their comments thereon, if they so wish.

Arusha, 20 February 2012

William H. Sekule Presiding Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa Judge Mparany Rajohnson Judge

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