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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Presiding Judge

Judge Sylvia Steiner

Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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Decision on the designation of a Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber

Decision to be notified, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court*, to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Mr Luis Moreno-Ocampo

Ms Fatou Bensouda

Counsel for the Defence

Legal Representatives of Victims

Legal Representatives of Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation

The Office of Public Counsel for

Victims

Ms Paolina Massidda

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Defence

Mr Xavier-Jean Keïta

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

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Victims and Witnesses Unit

Ms Maria Luisa Martinod-Jacome

Detention Section

Mr Anders Backman

Victims Participation and Reparations

Section

Ms Fiona McKay

Others

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I of the International Criminal Court,

NOTING the "Decision assigning the Situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo to Pre-Trial Chamber I" issued by the Presidency on 5 July 2004;

NOTING the "Decision on the designation of a Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I"² issued by the Chamber on 26 March 2009, whereby Judge Sylvia Steiner was appointed, until otherwise decided, as Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber, subject to article 57 (2) (a) of the Statute of the Court, in relation to the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ("DRC") and any case emanating therefrom;

NOTING the "Decision replacing judges in Trial Chamber III" issued by the Presidency on 20 July 2010 whereby Judge Sylvia Steiner was temporarily attached from the Pre-Trial Division to the Trial Division and assigned to Trial Chamber III;

NOTING the "Order notifying the election of the Presiding Judge in the case against Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo"⁴ issued by Trial Chamber III on 21 July 2010, notifying the election of Judge Sylvia Steiner as Presiding Judge in the case against Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo;

NOTING articles 39 (2) (b) (iii) and 57 (2) (b) of the Statute, rule 7 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulation 47 of the Regulations of the Court;

¹ ICC-01/04-1.

² ICC-01/04-02/06-25

³ ICC-01/05-01/08-837

⁴ ICC-01/05-01/08-839

CONSIDERING that, pursuant to article 39 (2) (b) (iii) of the Statute, the functions of the Pre-Trial Chamber shall be carried out either by three judges of the Pre-Trial Division or by a single judge of that division in accordance with the Statute and the Rules;

CONSIDERING that pursuant to article 57 (2) (b) of the Statute, in all cases other than those listed in article 57 (2) (a) of the Statute, a single judge of the Pre-Trial Chamber may exercise the functions provided for in the Statute, unless otherwise provided for in the Rules or by a majority of the Pre-Trial Chamber;

CONSIDERING that rule 7 (1) of the Rules and regulation 47 (1) of the Regulations establish that the designation of a single judge shall be based on objective criteria agreed upon by the Pre-Trial Chamber, including consideration of the issues involved, the circumstances of the proceedings before the Chamber, the distribution of work within the Chamber and the proper management and efficiency in the handling of cases;

CONSIDERING that in light of the above mentioned criteria, and in particular the distribution of work within the Chamber and the proper management and efficiency in the handling of the proceedings before the Chamber, it is appropriate to designate Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng as Single Judge responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber in relation to the proceedings of the situation in the DRC and any case emanating therefrom;

THE CHAMBER HEREBY,

- (i) Decides to appoint, until otherwise decided, Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng as Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber including all the issues related to victims' applications and subject to article 57 (2) (a) of the Statute, in relation to the situation in the DRC and any case emanating therefrom;
- (ii) orders the Registrar to file this decision in the record of the situation in DRC and any case emanating therefrom.

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

Judge Cuno Tarfusser

Presiding Judge

Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng

Judge Sylvia Steiner

At The Hague, The Netherlands on Monday 26 July 2010