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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

**Before: Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Presiding Judge
Judge Hans-Peter Kaul
Judge Cuno Tarfusser**

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR V. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, HENRY
KIPRONO KOSGEY AND JOSHUA ARAP SANG**

Public

**Decision Requesting Observations on the Place of the Proceedings for the
Purposes of the Confirmation of Charges Hearing**

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor
Fatou Bensouda, Deputy Prosecutor

Counsel for William Samoei Ruto

Joseph Kipchumba Kigen-Katwa, David Hooper and Kioko Kilukumi Musau

Counsel for Henry Kiprono Kosgey

George Odinga Oraro

Counsel for Joshua Arap Sang

Joseph Kipchumba Kigen-Katwa

Legal Representatives of the Victims

Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims

Paolina Massidda

The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar & Deputy Registrar

Silvana Arbia, Registrar
Didier Preira, Deputy Registrar

Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

Victims Participation and Reparations Section

Fiona McKay

Other

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II (the “Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”) renders this decision¹ requesting observations from the parties and participants on the desirability of holding the confirmation of charges hearing in the Republic of Kenya.

1. On 31 March 2010, the Chamber, by majority, issued its decision authorising the Prosecutor to commence an investigation into the situation in the Republic of Kenya.²

2. On 8 March 2011, the Chamber, by majority, decided to summon William Samoei Ruto, Henry Kiprono Kosgey and Joshua Arap Sang to appear before the Court on Thursday, 7 April 2011.³

3. On 7 April 2011, during the initial appearance hearing, the Chamber set 1 September 2011, as the date for the commencement of the confirmation of charges hearing.

4. The Chamber notes articles 3(1), (3) and 4(2) of the Rome Statute (the “Statute”), rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the “Rules”) and regulations 80 and 81 of the Regulations of the Court.

5. The Chamber further notes that although article 3(1) of the Statute states that the “seat of the Court shall be established at The Hague in the Netherlands”, paragraph 3 of the same provision makes clear that the Court “may sit elsewhere, whenever it considers it desirable, as provided in this Statute”. Moreover, according to rule 100(1) of the Rules, the Court “may decide to sit in a State other than the host State, in a particular case, where [it] considers that it would be in the interests of justice”.

¹ While concurring with the Chamber, Judge Hans-Peter Kaul reiterates, for the purposes of this decision, his declaration as annexed in a previous decision, see Pre-Trial Chamber II, “Decision on the Conduct of the Proceedings Following the Application of the Government of Kenya Pursuant to Article 19 of the Rome Statute”, ICC-01/09-01/11-31.

² Pre-Trial Chamber II, “Decision Pursuant to Article 15 of the Rome Statute on the Authorization of an Investigation into the Situation in the Republic of Kenya”, ICC-01/09-19-Corr.

³ Pre-Trial Chamber II, “Decision on the Prosecutor’s Application for Summons to Appear for William Samoei Ruto, Henry Kiprono Kosgey and Joshua Arap Sang”, ICC-01/09-01/11-1.

6. In this regard, the Chamber underlines that it is in the process of assessing the desirability and feasibility of conducting the confirmation of charges hearing on the territory of the Republic of Kenya. Accordingly, the Chamber deems it valuable, for a proper assessment of the interests of justice in the present case, to receive observations from the Prosecutor, the Defence and the victims who have applied for participation, on such possibility.

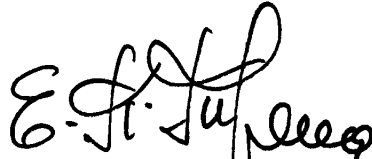
FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER, HEREBY

a) requests the Prosecutor and the Defence to submit their observations on the subject matter referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision, by no later than Monday 13 June 2011, at 1600 hours;

b) decides to appoint the Office of Public Counsel for Victims to submit observations on behalf of the victims who applied for participation, by no later than Monday 13 June 2011, at 1600 hours.

c) orders the Victims Participation and Reparations Section to provide the necessary assistance to the Office of Public Counsel for Victims for the purposes of contacting victims expeditiously.

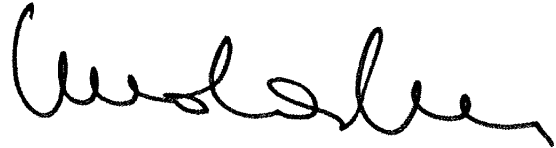
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
Presiding Judge



Judge Hans-Peter Kaul
Judge



Judge Cuno Tarfusser
Judge

Dated this Friday, 3 June 2011

At The Hague, The Netherlands