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TRIAL CHAMBER V(B)

Before:

Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Presiding Judge Judge Robert Fremr Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA

Public

Decision requesting observations from the Government of Kenya

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

The Office of the Prosecutor Ms Fatou Bensouda Mr James Stewart Mr Benjamin Gumpert	Counsel for Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta Mr Steven Kay Ms Gillian Higgins
Legal Representatives of Victims Mr Fergal Gaynor	Legal Representatives of Applicants
Unrepresented Victims	Unrepresented Applicants for Participation/Reparation
The Office of Public Counsel for Victims Ms Paolina Massidda	The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence
States Representatives Mr Githu Muigai, SC, Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya	Amicus Curiae
REGISTRY	
Registrar Mr Herman von Hebel	Deputy Registrar
Victims and Witnesses Unit	Detention Section
Victims Participation and Reparations Section	Others

Trial Chamber V(B) ('Chamber') of the International Criminal Court ('Court') in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta*, pursuant to Article 87(7) of the Rome Statute ('Statute') and Regulation 109 of the Regulations of the Court ('Regulations'), renders the following Decision requesting observations from the Government of Kenya.

I. Procedural history and submissions

- On 29 November 2013, the Office of the Prosecutor ('Prosecution') filed the confidential *ex parte*, Prosecution and Government of the Republic of Kenya ('Kenyan Government') only, 'Prosecution application for a finding of non-compliance pursuant to Article 87(7) of the Statute against the Government of Kenya' ('Application').¹
- 2. In the Application, the Prosecution states that it had sent to the Kenyan Government a request for assistance² containing, *inter alia*, a request for financial and other information specifically identified in paragraphs 9 to 11 thereof ('Records Request').
- 3. The Prosecution submits that it has taken all possible measures to secure the Kenyan Government's compliance with the Records Request,³ and that the Kenyan Government has failed to fulfil such request.⁴ It also submits that the Kenyan Government has waived confidentiality for the communications related to the Records Request.⁵ Accordingly, the Prosecution requests the Chamber to (i) find that the Kenyan Government has failed to comply with the Records Request under Article

¹ Application, ICC-01/09-02/11-866-Conf-Exp. A public redacted version was filed on 2 December 2013, ICC-01/09-02/11-866-Red.

² OTP/KEN/KEN-45/TL-JCCD-sm, attached as Annex A to the Application.

³ Application, ICC-01/09-02/11-866-Red, para. 22.

⁴ Application, ICC-01/09-02/11-866-Red, paras 23-28.

⁵ Application, ICC-01/09-02/11-866-Red, para. 5.

87(7) of the Statute; (ii) refer the matter to the Assembly of States Parties ('Assembly'); and (iii) reclassify the Application as public. ⁶

II. Analysis

- 4. Pursuant to Article 87(7) of the Statute, the Chamber may make a finding of noncompliance and refer the matter to the Assembly where a State Party fails to comply with a request for cooperation by the Court.
- 5. The Chamber notes that, in accordance with Regulation 109(3) of the Regulations, it 'shall hear from the requested State' before making any finding pursuant to Article 87(7) of the Statute. The Chamber therefore considers it appropriate to invite observations from the Kenyan Government on the Application, including on the ripeness of an Article 87(7) application and the status of cooperation with the relevant request(s).

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

INVITES the competent authorities of the Republic of Kenya to submit their observations on the Application, if any, no later than 8 January 2014; and

DIRECTS the Registry to submit its observations on the Application, specifically on any relevant communications with the Kenyan Government, no later than 8 January 2014.

⁶ Application, ICC-01/09-02/11-866-Red, para. 31. No. **ICC-01/09-02/11**

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

Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Presiding Judge

Judge Robert Fremr

Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

Dated this 9 December 2013

At The Hague, The Netherlands