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**International
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TRIAL CHAMBER VI

Before: Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge
Judge Kuniko Ozaki
Judge Geoffrey Henderson

**SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. BOSCO NTAGANDA***

Public

Order revising dates for the status conference and for receipt of observations

Order 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

Ms Nicole Samson

Counsel for Bosco Ntaganda

Mr Stéphane Bourgon

Legal Representatives of Victims

Ms Sarah Pellet

Mr Dmytro Suprun

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

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar

Mr Herman von Hebel

Counsel Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Mr Nigel Verrill

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Ms Fiona McKay

Others

Trial Chamber VI ('Chamber') of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*, having regard to Article 64(3) of the Rome Statute, Rule 132(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and Regulations 34 and 54 of the Regulations of the Court, issues the following 'Order revising dates for the status conference and for receipt of observations'.

1. On 21 July 2014, the Chamber issued the 'Order Scheduling a Status Conference and Setting a Provisional Agenda', in which it scheduled a status conference for 20 August 2014 and ordered the parties and participants to submit written observations on the agenda items by 14 August 2014.¹
2. Shortly before the Chamber issued its order, Mr Ntaganda's lead counsel, Marc Desalliers, had been authorised to withdraw from the case.² On 13 August 2014, the defence team for Mr Ntaganda ('Defence') requested an extension of the deadline to file its observations until such time as a new lead counsel had been appointed.³ The Chamber granted the request that same day.⁴
3. Mr Ntaganda was given the opportunity to choose a new lead counsel. On 14 August 2014, the counsel of his choice, Stéphane Bourgon, accepted appointment.⁵ The following day, Mr Bourgon was officially assigned as lead counsel for Mr Ntaganda.⁶
4. On 15 August 2014, the Chamber rescheduled the status conference for 18 September 2014 and directed that the observations of the Defence, as well

¹ ICC-01/04-02/06-339.

² Pre-Trial Chamber II, Decision on the "Requête de Me Marc Desalliers afin d'être autorisé à se retirer du dossier en qualité de Conseil principal de M. Bosco Ntaganda", 16 July 2014, ICC-01/04-02/06-333.

³ E-mail from the Defence to Legal Officer of the Chamber, 13 August 2014, 12:43.

⁴ E-mail from Legal Officer of the Chamber to Defence, 13 August 2014, 17:00.

⁵ Déclaration d'acceptation de designation, signed by Mr Bourgon on 14 August 2014 (ICC-01/04-02/06-353-Anx2).

⁶ Registration in the record of the case of the appointment of Mr. Stéphane Bourgon as Lead Counsel of Mr. Bosco Ntaganda, 15 August 2014, ICC-01/04-02/06-353.

as updated observations from the Office of the Prosecutor ('Prosecution'), be filed by 12 September 2014.⁷

5. On 22 August 2014,⁸ the Defence notified the Chamber that the newly appointed lead counsel, Mr Bourgon, had a prior engagement for 18 September 2014 which would make it difficult for him to attend the scheduled status conference. Having considered the court calendar and noting the position of the Defence, the Chamber considers it appropriate to revise the date of the status conference, as well as the date for receipt of the outstanding observations.⁹

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

RESCHEDULES the status conference to 11 September 2014;

ORDERS the Defence to submit its written observations on the provisional agenda, and to inform the Chamber of any items it wishes to be added to the agenda, by 8 September 2014 at 12:00 noon; and

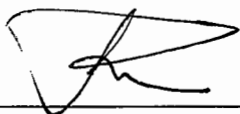
ORDERS the Prosecution to file its updated submissions by 8 September 2014 at 12:00 noon.

⁷ Order postponing and setting a new date for the status conference, 15 August 2014, ICC-01/04-02/06-354.

⁸ E-mail from the Defence to Legal Officer of the Chamber, 22 August 2014, 13:24.

⁹ It is noted that the revised deadlines contained in this order were previously notified to the parties and participants by way of e-mail from a Legal Officer of the Chamber, 22 August 2014, 20:34.

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



Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge



Judge Kuniko Ozaki



Judge Geoffrey Henderson

Dated 26 August 2014

At The Hague, The Netherlands