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TRIAL CHAMBER VII

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut
Judge Raul Pangalangan

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO, AIMÉ KILOLO
MUSAMBA, JEAN-JACQUES MANGENDA KABONGO, FIDÈLE BABALA
WANDU AND NARCISSE ARIDO

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**Prosecution's Response to Narcisse Arido and Fidèle Babala's Request for a
Variation of Deadlines in the Sentencing Calendar (ICC-01/05-01/13-1990)**

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I. Submission

1. The Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") defers to Trial Chamber VII's ("Chamber") discretion regarding the Arido and Babala Defence's joint Request¹ for the variation or suspension of time limits relative to the sentencing proceedings.² That said, the Prosecution considers that the established schedule does not *prima facie* undermine the fairness of the prospective sentencing proceedings, nor does the argumentation advanced in the Request.³ Thus, as framed, it is unclear that the Request satisfies the "good cause" threshold delimiting the Chamber's exercise of its discretion under regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court.



Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Dated 31st Day of October 2016
At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-1992.

² ICC-01/05-01/13-1990.

³ See rule 144(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, requiring the provision of a decision on the criminal responsibility of an accused be made available in a language he or she understands only to the extent necessary "to meet the requirements of fairness under article 67, paragraph 1(f)".