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TRIAL CHAMBER VI

Before: Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge
Judge Kuniko Ozaki
Judge Chang-ho Chung

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

Public

**Request for an Extension of the Time Limit set on 28 December 2017 for
Submissions regarding a possible In Situ Hearing**

Source: Registry

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I. Introduction

1. Following the instruction given by Trial Chamber VI (“Chamber”) on 28 December 2017 (“Order”),¹ and in accordance with regulation 35(1) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”), the Registry requests an extension of time until 9 February 2018 to file its submissions on the Chamber “hearing closing statements in the region...”²

II. Submissions


2. While the Registry is ready to meet the 30 January 2018 time limit set in the Order,³ it would benefit immensely from the information that will be submitted by the parties and participants. Filing after those submissions would allow the Registry to narrow down the currently wide range of possible locations and scenarios (for example, *inter alia*, whether the accused will be present, accessibility of the hearing *in situ* to the affected communities, and which locations could present security concerns), rather than submit numerous options that may subsequently be deemed unfeasible.
3. For example, the VWS, for the purpose of its security and threat assessment of particular witnesses or victims, could greatly benefit from submissions of the Office of the Prosecutor, the legal representatives of the victims and the defence for Mr Bosco Ntaganda.
4. The Registry submits that good cause is shown, pursuant to regulation 35(2) of the RoC, for extending the time limit by 10 days, namely until 9 February 2018. This extension would allow it to file more meaningful submissions to the

¹ Trial Chamber VI, “Order providing directions related to the closing briefs and statements”, 28 December 2017, ICC-01/04-02/06-2170, para. 17.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*

Chamber that could take the submissions of the parties and participants into account.



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Dated this 8 January 2018
At The Hague, the Netherlands