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Judge Robert Fremr, First Vice-President
Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Second Vice-President

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO***

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Submissions in relation to “Presidency decision concerning “Mr. Bemba’s request for recusal of Trial Chamber III from the reparations proceedings””

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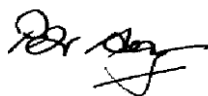
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1. On 28 February 2018, the Defence for Mr. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo filed “Mr. Bemba’s request for recusal of Trial Chamber III from the reparations proceedings” (“Defence Request”) which requested that the Presidency order the recusal of Trial Chamber III in its present composition from any further involvement in the reparations proceedings in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*.¹
2. On 8 March 2018, the Presidency of the International Criminal Court rendered a decision in which it ordered the Defence to clarify two questions regarding its request.²
3. Mr. Bemba clarifies that the Presidency should transmit the Defence Request to a plenary of judges to be treated as a request for disqualification pursuant to article 41(2)(b) and (c) of the Rome Statute.
4. Mr. Bemba's request for recusal was filed as confidential as it made references to documents that other parties and participants have filed confidentially, and made repeated references to an organisation whose involvement in the reparations process is still confidential. A public redacted version has since been filed.³

The whole respectfully submitted.



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¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-3611-Conf.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-3615.

³ ICC-01/05-01/08-3611-Red.