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STATEMENT

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Persons interviewed:

- GBOMBO BUDZAKI Roger
- LIGO DEO GRACIACE
- DRAMAMI DAMUBER Grégoire
- BAHATI David
- BANGA Michel
- KATABUKA Manu
- BENDEBURA RUSOKE Jacques
- LOKANA NYAMUTALE Origène

Languages used during interview: French

Date of interview: 2 September 2015

Place of interview: Bunia

We, the undersigned, prominent Hema of Bunia

Declare on our honour:

We all know GERMAIN KATANGA. We harbour no hard feelings against him. He is a brother to us.

In the Bogoro case, GERMAIN KATANGA was simply carrying out orders.

Should GERMAIN KATANGA return to the DRC, and to Ituri in particular, this would in our opinion have a positive effect on peace in the region.

This could incite the FRPI militia present in the Walendu Bindi to come out of the bush and demobilise.

We have no reason to fear the return of GERMAIN KATANGA.

The return of the veterans of Ituri, present today in The Hague, will cause no problem. Their return will allow the consolidation of peace, even more so if they return with a message of peace.

After the war, people gathered to reconcile. This was the result of the population's awareness. Before, there was a great deal of manipulation. The population wants peace

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today and is tired of the war. If someone arrived and wanted to go to war, it would be to no avail.

Reconciliation goes deep. We have started considering each other to be brothers. Hema and Lendu mix together.

We regret that our brothers are still languishing in prison in The Hague. The return of GERMAIN KATANGA will not destabilise the region, on the contrary. It will enable the consolidation of peace. GERMAIN KATANGA is one of our Iturian brothers. Given the structure of Ituri province, we want all Iturians to play their part, including GERMAIN KATANGA.

The Court should therefore take into account our wishes. We will welcome GERMAIN KATANGA with open arms and we would like him to return immediately.

We will judge the Court on the basis of what it will do following the request for early release of GERMAIN KATANGA, bearing in mind that we are all ready to welcome him.

Neither GERMAIN KATANGA nor THOMAS LUBANGA will be able to threaten peace in Ituri. We, the grassroots, declare that we no longer want war. The Court will not be able to ignore our position. We would like Germain Katanga to return.

We saw the video of GERMAIN KATANGA, in which he apologises for what happened in Bogoro. His apologies appear to be sincere. This is a good thing. We have already forgiven him. We also appreciate the fact the he wishes to apologise in person.

The populations have forgiven each other.

***We, the undersigned, confirm that the content of this statement reflects what we believe to be true. The statement was made voluntarily under no threat or pressure. We understand that the statement is taken by persons who represent GERMAIN KATANGA, who was convicted by the International Criminal Court. We also understand that it may be used in judicial proceedings before the International Criminal Court, in particular proceedings on the early release of GERMAIN KATANGA.

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Name: *GBOMBO BUDZAKI Roger*

Date and place of birth: *02/07/1976*

Ethnic group: *HEMA-NORD BADJERE* [signed]

Occupation: *TEACHER*

Address: *BUNIA-ITURI*

Name: *LIGO DEO GRACIACE*

Date and place of birth: *BAROGO 11/11/1954*

Ethnic group: *HEMA-NORD* [signed]

Occupation: *CHIEF OF* [illegible]

Address: *BUNIA, ITURI*

Name: *DRAMAMI DAMUBER GREGOIRE*

Date and place of birth: *Fataki, 06/01/1980*

Ethnic group: *ALUR*

Occupation: *CIVIL SERVANT*

Address: *BUNIA*

[signed]

Name: *BAHATI David* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *05/10/1985, NIZI*

Ethnic group: *HEMA NORD*

Occupation: [illegible]

Address: *BUNIA/NGEZI NEIGHBOURHOOD*

Name: *BANGA MICHEL* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *27/09/1969*

Ethnic group: *HEMA NORD* [signed]

Occupation: [illegible]

Address: *BUNIA, ITURI*

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Name: *Katabuka Manu*

Date and place of birth: *31/12/1969, Bunia*

Ethnic group: *Hema Boga (Sud)*

Occupation: *EPSP/Ituri*

Address: *KINDYA NEIGHBOURHOOD, AVENUE BAYAYA 4*

[signed]

Name: *BENDEBURA RUSOKE Jacques*

Date and place of birth: *24/08/1957*

Ethnic group: *HEMA BOGA*

Occupation: *EPSP/ITURI*

Address: [illegible] *NEIGHBOURHOOD 41* [signed]

Name: *Origène LOKANA NYAMUTALE*

Date and place of birth: *01/01/1963*

Ethnic group: *HEMA/NORD* [signed]

Occupation: *FFN/DJUGU*

Address: *MUDZIPELA-KATALE NEIGHBOURHOOD No2*