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Court**

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**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before:** Judge Sylvia Steiner, Single Judge

**Registrar:** Mr Bruno Cathala

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**Decision on the Prosecution's Application for Extension of the Deadline**

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**JUDGE SYLVIA STEINER**, judge at the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);

**NOTING** the “Application for Extension of the Deadline” filed by the Prosecution on 12 August 2005 (“the Prosecution’s Application”), pursuant to which it is requested that the deadline provided for in Pre-Trial Chamber I’s “Decision on the Prosecutor’s Request for Measures under Article 56” (“the Decision”)<sup>1</sup> be extended for 15 additional days to 7 September 2005<sup>2</sup>;

**NOTING** rule 101, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“the Rules”) and regulation 35, paragraph 2 of the Regulations of the Court (“the Regulations”);

**CONSIDERING** that, as a general principle, rule 101, paragraph 2 of the Rules requires that “all those participating in the proceedings to whom any order is directed shall endeavour to act as expeditiously as possible, within the time limit ordered by the Court”; and that an exception should only be made to this general principle upon good cause being shown in accordance with regulation 35, paragraph 2 of the Regulations;

**CONSIDERING** that, in the case at hand, the length of the report of the Netherlands Forensic Institute and the fact that the Prosecution’s Forensic Coordinator is on annual leave outside the country<sup>3</sup> do not suffice to show good cause for an extension of the 15-day deadline provided for in the Decision;

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<sup>1</sup> “Decision on the Prosecutor’s Request for Measures under Article 56” issued by PTC I on 26 April 2005.

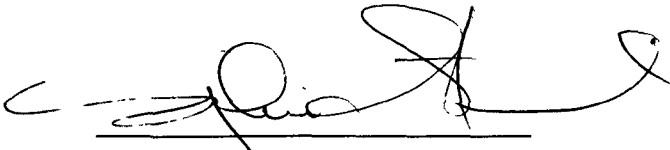
<sup>2</sup> See the Prosecution’s Application, paragraph 9.

<sup>3</sup> See the Prosecution’s Application, paragraph 7.

**FOR THESE REASONS,**

**DECIDES** to reject the request made in the Prosecution's Application.

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

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**Judge Sylvia Steiner**  
**Single Judge**

Dated this 12 August 2005

At the Hague

The Netherlands