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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Claude Jorda, Presiding Judge
Judge Akua Kuenyehia
Judge Sylvia Steiner

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

SITUATION IN DARFUR

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Application on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for Variation of Time, Pursuant to Regulation 35, in respect of a Decision of Pre-Trial Chamber I Inviting Observations in Application of Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

The Office of the Prosecutor
Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo

1. On 28 July 2006, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ("High Commissioner for Human Rights") was served with a copy of the Decision ICC-02/05 of Pre-Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court, dated 24 July 2006, to invite *inter alia* her observations in application of Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence within a period of 45 days "on issues concerning the protection of victims and the preservation of evidence in Darfur, Sudan". Forty-five days from the date of notification expire on 10 September 2006.

2. Regulation 35 of the Regulations of the International Criminal Court, as amended, provides in relevant part:

1. Applications to extend [...] any time limit [...] as ordered by the Chamber shall be made in writing [...] to the Chamber seized of the matter setting out the grounds on which the variation is sought.
2. The Chamber may extend [...] a time limit if good cause is shown [...]

2. Between 29 July 2006 and 27 August 2006, the High Commissioner for Human Rights has been and will be travelling on previously scheduled business. It is now expected that she will also be traveling on official mission in the field within the first weeks of September 2006.

3. In addition to requiring the personal attention of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the observations invited by the Pre-Trial Chamber additionally raise also a series of complex issues requiring in-depth consultation with other relevant components of the UN system.

4. In light of the foregoing cumulative reasons, in the absence of and on behalf of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, an extension of time of 30 days or of such other period as fixed by the Pre-Trial Chamber in the interests of administration of justice is herewith sought in order to respond most appropriately to the Pre-Trial Chamber's invitation to submit observations.



Mehr Khan Williams

United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Dated this Friday 18 August 2006

At Geneva, Switzerland

