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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Single judge

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

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1. On 24 May 2007, the Honourable Singe Judge issued a 'Décision autorisant le dépôt d'observations sur les demandes de participation à la procédure',¹ in which the Single Judge ordered the Registry to transmit the applications to participate as victims to the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD), and granted the OPCD the right to file respond to these application by 25 June 2007. The applications were notified to the OPCD on 25 May 2007.
2. The OPCD respectfully requests the authorisation of the Single Judge to file a response of 57 pages (not including the cover-page) for the following reasons.
3. Regulation 37 provides that the page limit for any document filed with the Registry shall not exceed 20 pages, unless otherwise provided, or so ordered by the Chamber.
4. The OPCD has ascertained that there are 76 applications, which amounts to a total of approximately 1292 pages.²
5. In its observations, the OPCD intends to address applicants sharing common allegations by subgroup, in order to ensure that its observations are as concise as possible. The OPCD has identified 28 such subgroups.
6. Based on its experience in responding to victim applications in the Sudan situation, the OPCD estimates that it will require an average of 1 and a half pages per subgroup for the evidential section of its observations. In terms of its legal and procedural observations, the OPCD estimates that it will require a minimum of 15 pages. This would amount to a total of 57 pages (not including the cover page).

Relief Sought

7. For the reasons outlined above, the OPCD respectfully requests the authorisation of the Honourable Singe Judge to file a response of 57 pages (not including the cover page).

¹ ICC-01/04-329

² Based on an average of 17 pages per application.



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Dated this 13th day of June, 2007

At The Hague