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**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER III**

**Before:** Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra (Presiding Judge)  
Judge Hans-Peter Kaul  
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

**Registrar:** Ms Silvana Arbia

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

**Under Seal**

**Ex Parte, Prosecutor Only**

**Prosecutor's Application for Unsealing the Arrest Warrant against Jean-Pierre  
BEMBA**

**Source:** The Office of the Prosecutor

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***Court to:***

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**Unrepresented Applicants for  
Participation/Reparation**

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Victims**

**The Office of Public Counsel for the  
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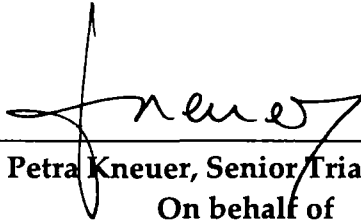
**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

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1. On 9 May 2008 the Office of the Prosecutor (hereinafter referred to as "OTP") filed its application in the situation in the Central African Republic (hereinafter referred to as "CAR") for issuance of a warrant of arrest for Jean-Pierre BEMBA (hereinafter referred to as "BEMBA") under Article 58 of the Rome Statute. Further, the OTP requested, that any determination by the Pre-Trial Chamber to issue a warrant of arrest be sealed from the public until such time that the necessary arrangements are in place to allow for unsealing.
2. On 23 May 2008 the Prosecution provided additional information on the possible whereabouts of BEMBA and requested that the Prosecutor's application for the issuance of an arrest warrant be considered on an expedited basis.
3. On 23 May 2008 the Pre-Trial Chamber issued under seal a warrant of arrest against BEMBA and a request for provisional arrest pursuant to Article 92 of the Rome Statute. On 24 May 2008, the Registry notified the request for provisional arrest of BEMBA to the Kingdom of Belgium.
4. That same day, the Registry informed the Prosecution that the necessary arrangements have been made allowing for the imminent execution of the request for provisional arrest of Bemba by the Belgian authorities.
5. In light of the information received regarding the possible imminent arrest of BEMBA, the Prosecution respectfully requests that the Pre-Trial Chamber unseals the warrant of arrest immediately upon its execution.
6. This document is filed under seal consistent with prior filings and decisions in the instant case.



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**Petra Kneuer, Senior Trial Lawyer**  
**On behalf of**  
**Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor**

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008

At The Hague, The Netherlands