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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, Presiding Judge
Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito
Judge Adrian Fulford

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

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**Request for an Extension of Time to Report on Victims' Representations Pursuant
to Regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court**

Source: Registry

Document to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

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Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)**

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Victims**

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Section**

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The Registrar of the International Criminal Court (“the Court”)

NOTING the Prosecutor’s letter of 19 May 2011 indicating his intention to submit a request under article 15(3) of the Statute for authorization to open investigations in the Situation in the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire;¹

NOTING the Presidency’s Decision Assigning the Situation in the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire to Pre-Trial Chamber II dated 20 May 2011;²

NOTING the Prosecutor’s public notice of 17 June 2011 (the “Public Notice”);³

NOTING the Presidency’s Decision Constituting Pre-Trial Chamber III (the “Chamber”), and Re-assigning the Situation in the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire;⁴

NOTING the Prosecutor’s Request for authorisation of an investigation pursuant to article 15, dated 23 June 2011;⁵

NOTING the Decision notifying the election of the Presiding Judge, issued by Pre-Trial Chamber III on 28 June 2011;⁶

¹ ICC-02/11-1-Anx.

² ICC-02/11-1.

³ <http://www.icc-cpi.int/NR/exeres/EBF86FD2-CF42-400E-B47A-71FFA771AA04.htm>

⁴ ICC-02/11-2.

⁵ ICC-02/11-3.

⁶ ICC-02/11-4.

NOTING Pre-Trial Chamber III's Order to the Victims Participation and Reparations Section Concerning Victims' Representations Pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Statute, dated 6 July 2011;⁷

NOTING articles 15 and 68(1) of the Rome Statute (the "Statute"), rules 50(1) and (3) and rule 85 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the "Rules"), regulations 24*bis*, 35 and 50(1) of the Regulations of the Court (the "Regulations");

CONSIDERING that the Chamber ordered the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (the "VPRS") to submit, by 1 August 2011, a single, consolidated report on the collective and individual representations received⁸;

CONSIDERING that the Registry has received more than 450 documents, including written materials, compact discs and video tapes, apparently purporting to be victims' representations submitted under article 15(3) of the Statute and rule 50(1) of the Rules;

CONSIDERING that out of these 450 communications, 42 were sent by the Office of the Prosecutor via email to the VPRS during the period from 6 to 19 July 2011⁹;

CONSIDERING that a further 99 communications were sent by the Office of the Prosecutor via email to the VPRS on 19 July 2011;

⁷ ICC-02/11-6.

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⁹ Twenty-one representations were sent by a Prosecution Legal Officer during the period of 6 to 14 July 2011. A further 21 representations were sent by the Prosecution's information desk on 15 and 19 July 2011.

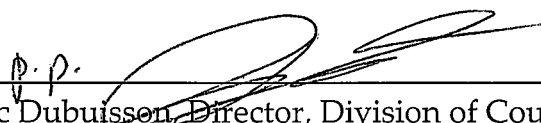
CONSIDERING that the remaining approximately 309 of the communications were delivered in person directly to the Registry's premises on 20 July 2011;

CONSIDERING that numerous steps are required to be taken by the VPRS in order to comply with the Chamber's order, including preparing, scanning and stamping the documents; assessing them against the requirements of rule 85 of the Rules; analyzing their contents; and preparing a report summarizing the views expressed therein;

CONSIDERING the substantial demands currently placed on the limited resources of the VPRS in relation to proceedings in the other cases before the Court;

CONSIDERING that, in the Registry's view, the foregoing reasons constitute good cause justifying a variation of the time limit set by the Chamber, within the meaning of Regulation 35 of the Regulations;

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS the Chamber to grant the Registry an extension of four weeks, to 29 August 2011, for the submission of its report on the collective and individual representations it has received.



Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Court Services
as per delegation
of Silvana Arbia, Registrar

Dated this 22 July 2011

At The Hague, The Netherlands