

**Cour
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**International
Criminal
Court**

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No.: ICC-01/05-01/13

Date: 9 May 2014

THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President
Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng, First Vice-President
Judge Akua Kuenyehia, Acting Second Vice-President

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO,
AIMÉ KILOLO MUSAMBA,
JEAN-JACQUES MANGENDA KABONGO,
FIDÈLE BABALA WANDU
& NARCISSE ARIDO***

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With three public annexes**

**Notification concerning the defence requests for the disqualification
of a judge in case ICC-01/05-01/13**

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

The Office of the Prosecutor
Fatou Bensouda
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Mr Jean-Pierre Kilenda Kakengi Basila

Counsel for Narcisse Arido
Mr Göran Sluiter

REGISTRY

Registrar
Herman von Hebel

The Presidency of the International Criminal Court (“Court”);

In the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, Aimé Kilolo Musamba, Jean-Jacques Mangenda Kabongo, Fidèle Babala Wandu and Narcisse Arido*;

Noting the defence requests for the disqualification of Judge Cuno Tarfusser from Pre-Trial Chamber II dated 29 April 2014¹, 1 May 2014² and 7 May 2014³ (“Defence Requests”);

Noting the request that the Presidency convene a plenary session as per article 41(2)(c) of the Statute and rule 4(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence to review and rule upon the disqualification of Judge Cuno Tarfusser⁴;

Noting that on 5 May 2014 Judge Tarfusser requested to be excused from exercising any functions of the Presidency in respect of the Defence Requests (Annex 1);

Noting that the request for excusal was granted and Judge Akua Kuenyehia replaced Judge Tarfusser in the Presidency (Annex 2);

Noting further that pursuant to article 41(2)(c) of the Rome Statute and rule 34(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, Judge Tarfusser was requested to make any written submissions in response to the Defence Requests (Annex 3);

Hereby notifies that a plenary session of the judges shall be convened on 27 May 2014 to address the Defence Requests;

Hereby orders the Registrar to transmit this notification to all parties and participants in the case.

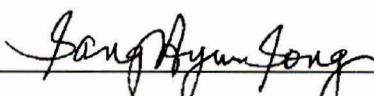
¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-367.

² ICC-01/05-01/13-372.

³ ICC-01/05-01/13-380.

⁴ See for example ICC-01/05-01/13-372, paragraph 1.

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



Judge Sang-Hyun Song
President

Dated this 9 May 2014

At The Hague, The Netherlands