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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, Single Judge

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE
IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR* v. *CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ***

Public

**Order to the VPRS to submit information in relation to the applications for
victims' participation in the proceedings**

Order to be notified, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court*, to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Fatou Bensouda

James Stewart

Counsel for the Defence

Nicholas Kaufman

Legal Representatives of Victims

Legal Representatives of Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

Paolina Massidda

**The Office of Public Counsel for the
Defence**

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar

Herman von Hebel

Detention Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Others

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Fiona McKay

Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, Single Judge for Pre-Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court, responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber in relation to the situation in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the cases emanating therefrom,¹ issues the following order to the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (the "VPRS") to submit information in relation to the applications for victims' participation in the proceedings.

1. On 27 March 2014, Blé Goudé made his initial appearance before the Single Judge.² On this occasion, the Single Judge set the date of the commencement of the confirmation of charges hearing at 18 August 2014.³
2. On 16 and 22 April 2014, the Registry transmitted to the Chamber two requests from the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (the "OPCV"): "Requête aux fins d'admission dans l'affaire *Le Procureur c. Charles Blé Goudé des victimes qui participent aux procédures dans l'affaire Le Procureur c. Laurent Gbagbo*"⁴ and "Deuxièmes Requête aux fins d'admission dans l'affaire *Le Procureur c. Charles Blé Goudé des victimes qui participent aux procédures dans l'affaire Le Procureur c. Laurent Gbagbo*"⁵ (the "OPCV Requests").
3. On 5 May 2014, the Defence submitted the "Defence response to the requests for victim participation submitted by OPCV",⁶ in which it requests the Single Judge to reject the OPCV Requests.⁷
4. On 12 May 2014, the Single Judge received the "Defence request for a ruling on OPCV request ICC-02/11-02/11-62-Anx1".⁸

¹ Decision designating a single judge, 16 March 2012, ICC-02/11-02/11-9-tENG.

² ICC-02/11-02/11-T-3-CONF-ENG. A public redacted version is also available, see ICC-02/11-02/11-T-3-Red-ENG.

³ ICC-02/11-02/11-T-3-Red-ENG, p. 12, lines 9-16.

⁴ ICC-02/11-02/11-62-Anx1.

⁵ ICC-02/11-02/11-64-Anx1.

⁶ ICC-02/11-02/11-66.

⁷ ICC-02/11-02/11-66, para. 7.

5. Also on 12 May 2014, the Prosecutor submitted the “Prosecution’s Response to Defence request ICC-02/11-02/11-69”.⁹

6. The Single Judge notes articles 67(1) and 68(3) of the Rome Statute (the “Statute”), rules 16 and 89 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and regulations 23*bis* and 86 of the Regulations of the Court.

7. The Single Judge is mindful of her duty to ensure that proceedings are conducted in a fair and expeditious manner, in accordance with article 67(1) of the Statute, as well as her obligation to guarantee the victims’ right to express their views and concerns in a meaningful matter, pursuant to article 68(3) of the Statute. Accordingly, before addressing the OPCV Requests in due course, the Single Judge considers it appropriate to receive information about the victims’ application process in the present case.

8. Accordingly, the Single Judge considers it appropriate to order the VPRS to submit a report containing the following information: (i) the amount of complete applications for victims’ participation linked to the present case received by the VPRS and the application forms used;¹⁰ (ii) whether and when the VPRS expects to receive further applications for victims’ participation and the steps undertaken to this effect; and (iii) any other information deemed necessary. In light of the nature of the information requested, the VPRS may provide its report or parts thereof as confidential *ex parte*, as appropriate.

⁸ ICC-02/11-02/11-69.

⁹ ICC-02/11-02/11-70.

¹⁰ Standard application forms, partly collective application forms or any other format.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE

ORDERS the VPRS to submit a report containing the information mentioned in paragraph 8 of the present order no later than Friday, 23 May 2014.

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



Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi
Single Judge

Dated this Tuesday, 13 May 2014

At The Hague, The Netherlands