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Court**

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Date: 6 May 2015

**TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before: Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Single Judge**

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

**Public**

**Order convening an *ex parte* status conference on 16 June 2015**

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

**The Office of the Prosecutor**

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Mr Eric MacDonald

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**Counsel for Mr Charles Blé Goudé**

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**Legal Representatives of Victims**

Ms Paolina Massidda

**Legal Representatives of Applicants**

**Unrepresented Victims**

**Unrepresented Applicants for  
Participation/Reparation**

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Victims**

Ms Paolina Massidda

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

**States' Representatives**

*Amicus Curiae*

**REGISTRY**

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**Registrar**

Mr Herman von Hebel

**Counsel Support Section**

**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

**Detention Section**

Mr Patrick Craig

**Victims Participation and Reparations Others  
Section**

**Judge Geoffrey Henderson**, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber I (respectively, 'Single Judge' and 'Chamber')<sup>1</sup> of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo and Charles Blé Goudé*, having regard to Articles 63 and 64(2), (3)(a) and 6(e) of the Rome Statute, Rules 132(2) and 135 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and Regulation 103 of the Regulations of the Court ('Regulations'), issues the following 'Order convening an *ex parte* status conference on 16 June 2015'.

1. On 11 March 2015, the Chamber issued a decision granting the requests of the Office of the Prosecutor ('Prosecution') to join the cases of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo* and *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé*.<sup>2</sup> In the same decision, the Chamber scheduled a status conference to be held 21 April 2015 in order to discuss, *inter alia*, the commencement date of the trial.
2. On 15 April 2015, the defence team for Mr Gbagbo ('Defence') filed a waiver signed by the accused in relation to his right to be present during the status conference.<sup>3</sup>
3. During the status conference held on 21 April 2015, the Chamber invited oral submissions on the possible practical modalities to facilitate Mr Gbagbo's attendance at trial.<sup>4</sup> On this occasion, the Defence referred to the facilitating measures adopted at the confirmation stage of the proceedings, which allowed for presence of Mr Gbagbo on an *ad hoc* basis during hearings, and suggested that an *ex parte* session be held to further discuss this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> Where 'Chamber' is used in this decision it refers to both Trial Chamber I as composed by the Presidency's 'Decision replacing a judge in Trial Chamber I', 18 March 2015, ICC-02/11-01/15-8-AnxI, and to the chamber in its previous composition.

<sup>2</sup> Decision on Prosecution requests to join the cases of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo* and *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé* and related matters, 11 March 2015, ICC-02/11-01/15-1 and public annex.

<sup>3</sup> *Élément d'information concernant la non présence de Laurent Gbagbo lors de l'audience du 21 avril 2015*, 15 April 2015, ICC-02/01-01/15-39-Conf-Exp and confidential, *ex parte*, Defence and Registry only, annex.

<sup>4</sup> Transcript of hearing of 21 April 2015, ICC-02/11-01/15-T-1-CONF-ENG ET, page 7 lines 7-11 and page 95 line 24 to page 98 line 18.

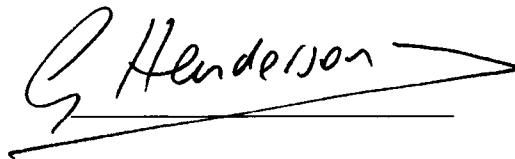
4. Having heard the Defence's submissions, and with a view to ensuring the expeditiousness of the forthcoming trial, the Single Judge finds it appropriate to schedule a hearing, to be attended by the Defence, Registry, and Prosecution in relation to Mr Gbagbo's current health condition and on possible practical modalities to be put in place to facilitate Mr Gbagbo's attendance at trial. In light of the confidential nature of the information to be provided and discussed, the hearing should be held *ex parte* and in private session.
5. In addition, the Single Judge notes the Registry's duties pursuant to Regulation 103 of the Regulations and orders the Registry to provide updated information on Mr Gbagbo's health-related needs and on the advancement of arrangements made to meet them. This report is to be provided in an *ex parte*, Registry and Defence only, filing and the Prosecution shall be notified of a redacted version.

**FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY**

**CONVENES** an *ex parte*, hearing, Defence, Registry and Prosecution only, to be held in private session, on 16 June 2015 at 9:30.

**INSTRUCTS** the Registry to provide updated information on Mr Gbagbo's health-related needs by 28 May 2015, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the present decision.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "G Henderson", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

**Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Single Judge**

Dated 6 May 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands