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TRIAL CHAMBER VII

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut
Judge Raul Pangalangan

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 AND NARCISSE ARIDO**

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**Narcisse Arido's Response to the Babala and Kilolo Defence
Requests to Make an Unsworn Statement Pursuant to Article 67(1)(h)
(ICC-01/05-01/13-1862 and ICC-01/05-01/13-1867)**

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I. SUBMISSIONS

1. On 2 May 2016, the Babala Defence requested the authorisation of Trial Chamber VII (“Trial Chamber”) to have up to an hour to make an unsworn statement during the final pleadings pursuant to Article 67(1)(h).¹ On the 4 May 2016, the Kilolo Defence made a similar request.² Having already shortened the deadline for the Babala Defence request to 6 May 2016, and “noting the similarity between [the Kilolo Defence] request and Babala Defence request”³, the Trial Chamber shortened the deadline for responses to the Kilolo Defence request also to 6 May 2016. The Arido Defence hereby submits its response to the two requests.

2. The Arido Defence does not oppose either requests as the right to address the Trial Chamber as envisioned in Article 67(1)(h) is a right of the Accused. Mr. Arido has yet to decide whether he would like to avail himself of the right; however, in such case that he does, fairness dictates that he be allocated as much time as the other Co-Accused.

3. The Arido Defence respectfully submits the above submissions to Trial Chamber VII.



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Dated this 6th Day of May 2016

Washington D.C., United States of America

¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-1862.

² ICC-01/05-01/13-1867.

³ Email of 6 May 2016, subject line “Responses to ICC-01/05-01/13-1867”.