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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 Prosecution's "Prosecution's Request for Variation of Time for Closing Statements" (ICC-01/05-01/13-1864) and "Prosecution's Request for Variation of Page Limits Concerning Annexes to its Closing Submission" (ICC-01/05-01/13-1865)

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I. SUBMISSIONS

1. On 3 May 2016, the Prosecution submitted two requests. The first requests Trial Chamber VII ("Trial Chamber") to "extend the date for closing statements by at least one week". ("First Request")¹ The second filings requests the Trial Chamber to "(i)grant a page limit extension of 70 pages to append the Substantive Annexes to its closing submission; and (ii) clarify the scope of the submissions the Chamber will consider for its Judgement". ("Second Request")² By email, the Trial Chamber shortened deadlines for responding to these two filings to 6 May 2016 on 3³ and 4⁴ May 2016 respectively.

2. The Arido Defence hereby notifies the Trial Chamber that it does not oppose the Prosecution's First Request.

3. As regards part (i) of the Second Request, the Arido Defence has understood that as regards annexes, Regulation 36(2)(b) of the Regulations of the Court does not place any particular limit on the number of pages for "non argumentative material". However, insofar as the Prosecution argues that its annex is an updated version of evidence it has already submitted into evidence, the request could be taken – in effect – to be a request to submit new evidence.

4. As regards part (ii) of the Second Request, the Arido Defence will comply with the Trial Chamber's prior directions.⁵

5. The Arido Defence respectfully submits to Trial Chamber VII the above response.



Chief Charles Achaleke Taku, Counsel for Mr. Arido

Dated this 6th Day of May 2016

Washington D.C., United States of America

¹ ICC-01/05-01/13-1864, para. 1.

² ICC-01/05-01/13-1865, para. 12.

³ Email of 3 May 2016, subject line 'shortening of deadline for ICC-01/05-01/13-1864'.

⁴ Email of 4 May 2016, subject line 'shortening of deadline for responses for ICC-01/05-01/13-1865'.

⁵ ICC-01/05-01/13-1518, para. 21.