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Judge Geoffrey Henderson
Judge Chang-ho Chung

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO***

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Request for an extension of time to identify experts

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I. Introduction

1. The Registry respectfully submits a request for an extension of time to be able to adequately implement the various steps required to be followed in order to identify experts in the specific areas identified by Trial Chamber III (“Chamber”) in its “Order requesting submissions relevant to reparations” (“Order”).¹

II. Procedural History

2. On 22 July 2016, the Chamber ordered the Registry to, *inter alia*, provide a list of experts available to assist the Chamber in its determinations relevant to reparations in the case of *the Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo* (“Case”).²
3. The Chamber indicated in its Order that the “list of experts should include individuals with relevant experience in the mapping of victims, identification of traumas and assessment of harms suffered by victims of mass crimes, including a financial or monetary assessment, needs of prioritization and differentiation in categories of victims, including victims of sexual violence and child victims, and expertise on manners appropriate to avoid re-traumatization, stigmatisation and/or discrimination and to ensure gender inclusion in the proceedings leading to and the design of reparations in the case”.³

¹ Trial Chamber III, “Order requesting submissions relevant to reparations”, 22 July 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3410.

² Trial Chamber III, “Order requesting submissions relevant to reparations”, 22 July 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3410, para. 9a.

³ Trial Chamber III, “Order requesting submissions relevant to reparations”, 22 July 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3410, footnote 12.

4. The Chamber set the deadline of 31 October 2016 for the Registry to, *inter alia*, submit the list of experts.⁴

III. Applicable Law

5. The Registry submits the present request in accordance with regulations 35 and 44 of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC") and rule 97(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

IV. Submission

6. In compliance with the Chamber's Order, the Registry has taken steps to compile a thorough list of experts able to assist the Chamber in determining all issues relevant to reparations. However, given the particularities of the Case and the fact that the Registry's current list of experts does not include any individual with expertise in some of the areas identified by the Chamber, the Registry submits that a call for expression of interest is necessary in order to identify experts with the relevant expertise.
7. To date, the draft call for expression of interest has been prepared by the Registry and it has been translated in the relevant languages. The next steps envisaged are: (i) the wide dissemination of the call for expression of interest, including through the Court's website, mainstream newspapers and letters to specific and relevant organisations; (ii) sufficient time shall be given to candidates to apply; (iii) once all applications have been received and gathered by the Registry, these will be screened for verification of the qualification as experts of the candidates and shortlisting purposes.

⁴ Trial Chamber III, "Order on the Trust Fund for Victims' request for an extension of the time limit", 7 October 2016, ICC-01/05-01/08-3442.

8. It is the Registry's view that the foregoing reasons constitute good cause justifying a variation of the time limit set by the Chamber, within the meaning of regulation 35 of the RoC. Therefore, the Registry respectfully requests the Chamber to extend the time limit for the submission of the list of experts to 31 December 2016.

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per delegation of the Registrar

Dated this 27 October 2016

At The Hague, The Netherlands