## Cour Pénale Internationale



# International Criminal Court

Original: English No.: ICC-01/05-01/13

Date: 31 October 2016

#### THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng

Judge Silvia Alejandra Fernández De Gurmendi

Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert

Judge Howard Morrison Judge Piotr Hofmański

#### 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

#### **Public**

Narcisse Arido's Notice of Appeal against the Trial Chamber VII's 'Judgment pursuant to Article 74 of the Statute' (ICC-01/05-01/13-1989-Conf)

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 19 October 2016, Trial Chamber VII ("Trial Chamber") rendered its Judgment under Article 74 of the Statute. The Trial Chamber convicted Mr. Narcisse Arido ('the Appellant'), under Article 70(1)(c) in conjunction with Article 25(3)(a) of the Statute, of having corruptly influenced witnesses D-2, D-3, D-4, and D-6. The present filing constitutes a notice of appeal against this decision.

#### II. APPLICABLE LAW

- 2. Pursuant to Article 81(1)(b) of the Statute, the convicted person may appeal a decision under Article 74 on any of the following grounds:
  - a) Procedural error;
  - b) Error of fact;
  - c) Error of law; or
  - d) Any other ground that affects the fairness or reliability of the proceedings or decision.
- 3. Pursuant to Rule 150(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, an appeal against a decision of conviction under Article 74 may be filed with the Registry not later than 30 days from the date on which the party filing the appeal is notified of the decision.
- 4. Regulation 57 of the Regulations of the Court requires the Appellant to file a notice of appeal which states the following:
  - a) The name and number of the case;
  - b) The date of the decision of conviction or acquittal, sentence or reparation order appealed against;
  - c) Whether the appeal is directed against the whole decision or part thereof;
  - d) The relief sought.

### III. NOTICE OF APPEAL

5. In light of the above, the Appellant, in *Situation in the Central African Republic in the case of The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, Aimé Kilolo Musamba, Jean-Jacque Mangenda Kabongo, Fidèle Babala Wandu and Narcisse Arido*, ICC-01/05-01/13, respectfully gives notice of appeal against the Trial Chamber VII's Judgment pursuant to Article 74 of Statute, rendered on 19 October 2016.

6. The Appeal is directed against the whole decision, ICC-01/05-01/13-1989-Conf and the relief being sought is a reversal of the decision of conviction, and an acquittal of the Appellant.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Charles Achaleke Taku, Counsel for Mr. Arido

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Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of October 2016 The Hague, The Netherlands