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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Silvia Alejandra Fernández De Gurmendi
Judge Sanji Mmasenono Monageng
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***

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Notice of Appeal

Source: Defence for Mr. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo

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1. Rule 150(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence allows the parties thirty days to file the notice of appeal.
2. The Defence for Mr. Jean-Pierre Bemba has nonetheless been informed by the Registry that unless and until it files its notice of appeal against the Article 70 judgment, it will not receive any funds (other than for Counsel) for either the review of the judgment, preliminary preparation for appeal, or essential preparation for the sentencing phase, which is ongoing.¹
3. Although this position was communicated only after several weeks had elapsed from the issuance of the judgment (and was contrary to information provided in person), the Registry has also indicated that such funds will also not be provided retrospectively as and when the notice is filed.
4. This position impacts on the time and resources available to the Defence to prepare both appellate arguments and its submissions for sentencing.
5. The Defence hereby submits its notice of appeal as concerns the Judgment issued pursuant to Article 74 of the Statute, but attaches the caveat that the timing of its submission is not reflective of the state of Defence preparation for the appeal.

¹ Confidential Annex A.

Respectfully submitted,



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