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2018**

TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Presiding Judge
Judge Olga Herrera-Carbuccia
Judge Geoffrey Henderson

SITUATION IN COTE D'IVOIRE

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. LAURENT GBAGBO AND CHARLES BLE GOUDE***

Public

**Notice of Charles Blé Goudé's intention to exercise his right to make an oral
unsworn statement pursuant to article 67(1)(h) of the Rome Statute**

Source: Defence of Mr Charles Blé Goudé

Document to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

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1. The Defence for Charles Blé Goudé (“the Defence”) hereby files a notice with the Trial Chamber I (“the Chamber”) pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Amended and Supplemented Directions on the Conduct of the Proceedings (“the Directions”).¹

2. Paragraph 7 of the Directions states that:

“[t]he accused has the right to make an unsworn oral or written statement in his defence under Article 67(1)(h) of the Statute. Should either accused decide to exercise this right, the respective Defence team shall file a notice with the Chamber prior to the start of its presentation of evidence. The Chamber will rule on the appropriate moment and modalities for the statement to be made.”

3. Pursuant to article 67(1) of the Rome Statute (“the Statute”):

“In the determination of any charge, the accused shall be entitled to a public hearing, having regard to the provisions of this Statute, to a fair hearing conducted impartially, and to the following minimum guarantees, in full equality: [...]

(h) To make an unsworn oral or written statement in his or her defence”.²

4. On 14 November 2018, the Defence provided the Chamber, the parties and the participants with a roadmap of its submissions for the hearing currently held by the Chamber on the ongoing No case to answer proceedings held in the *Gbagbo-Blé Goudé* case, the roadmap showing that Charles Blé Goudé would make an unsworn statement at the end of his Defence’s submissions.³

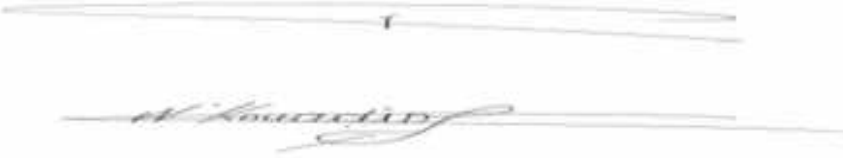
¹ ICC-02/11-01/15-498-AnxA.

² Emphasis added.

³ ICC-02/11-01/15-T-226-Red-ENG, p. 35, lns 14-20.

5. By the present filing, the Defence reiterates Mr Blé Goudé's intention to exercise his right as guaranteed by article 67(1)(h) of the Statute and paragraph 7 of the Directions, since the proceedings relate to the determination of the charges as meant by said provision.

Respectfully submitted,



A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to be 'Mr. Knoop'.

Mr. Knoop, Lead Counsel and Mr. N'Dry, Co-Counsel

Dated this

19 November 2018

At The Hague, the Netherlands