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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, Presiding
Judge Howard Morrison
Judge Piotr Hofmański
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza
Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa

SITUATION IN COTE D'IVOIRE

IN THE CASE OF

THE PROSECUTOR v. LAURENT GBAGBO AND CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ

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Blé Goudé Defence Request for reclassification

Source: Defence of Mr Charles Blé Goudé

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1. On 26 November 2019, the Chamber issued its “Decision on victim participation” in the appeal, in which it permitted the LRV to “participate for the purpose of presenting their views and concerns in respect of their personal interests in the issues on appeal”.¹ The Chamber set a deadline of 30 days from notification for the Defence of Mr Blé Goudé (“the Defence”), the Defence for Mr Gbagbo and the Prosecution to submit any responses thereto.²
2. On 8 April 2020, the Common Legal Representative of the Victims filed its Observations³ and on 11 May 2020 the Defence filed its response.⁴
3. With the present request, the Defence seeks the reclassification, as public, of filing ICC-02/11-01/15-1345-Conf titled ‘Blé Goudé Defence Response to the “Victims’ observations on the issues on appeal affecting their personal interests” (ICC-02/11-01/15-1326-Conf)’. This document was initially filed confidentially because it replied to the Victims’ observations which bore the same classification.⁵
4. For the reasons set out above, the Defence respectfully requests the Appeals Chamber to direct the Registry to reclassify ICC-02/11-01/15-1345-Conf as public.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr Knoops, Lead Counsel and Mr N'Dry, Co-Counsel

Dated this

27 May 2020

At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹ ICC-02/11-01/15-1290 A, paras 8-9.

² Ibid, page 3.

³ ICC-02/11-01/15-1326-Conf.

⁴ ICC-02/11-01/15-1345-Conf.

⁵ ICC-02/11-01/15-1326-Conf.