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Bangui, 16 April 2010

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, KEEPER OF THE SEALS OF
THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

TO

Ms Silvana ARBIA
Registrar of the International Criminal
Court, The Hague, Holland

Re: Submission of the Observations of the Central African Republic

Your ref. NV/DCS/2010/059/MD/vw

Trim Reference: 2010/000010925

Date: The Hague, 19 March 2010

Dear Madam Registrar,

By your letter as above, the International Criminal Court (ICC) invited the Authorities of the Central African Republic to communicate to the Court, by **19 April 2010**, their observations concerning the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean Pierre BEMBA GOMBO*, the latter's defence team having filed a "*Requête en vue de contester la recevabilité de l’Affaire conformément aux articles 17 et 19 (2) (a) du Statut de Rome*".

On behalf of the Government of the Central African Republic, I hereby forward to you the attached observations and would inform you that, subject to authorisation by the Court, we reserve the right to make additional oral observations during the hearing on admissibility in order to clarify or support these observations.

Please be assured, Madam Registrar, of my highest consideration.

[signature and stamp of the Minister, Ministry of Justice, Central African Republic]

Laurent NGON BABA