


ANNEX I



Internal memorandum
Memorandum interne

To À	Judge Cuno Tarfusser	From De	The Presidency 
Date	17 March 2015	Through Via	
Ref.	2015/PRES/00091-02	Copies	Judge Geoffrey Henderson Judge Olga Herrera Carbuca
Subject Objet	Decision on the Request for Excusal		

The Presidency, composed of the President (Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi), the First Vice-President (Judge Joyce Aluoch) and the Second Vice-President (Judge Kuniko Ozaki), hereby decides upon the request of Judge Cuno Tarfusser, pursuant to article 41(1) of the Rome Statute ("Statute") and rule 33(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules"), to be excused from his function as a judge of Trial Chamber I in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo and Charles Blé Goudé* ("*Gbagbo & Blé Goudé*").¹

The request for excusal is granted.

Factual Background

On 17 March 2015, by confidential memorandum, Judge Tarfusser requested the Presidency to excuse him from exercising his functions as a judge in *Gbagbo & Blé Goudé*.² In the memorandum, Judge Tarfusser explained that he currently sits in both Pre-Trial Chamber I and Pre-Trial Chamber II and that his workload accordingly consists of all the situations and cases currently pending before both Pre-Trial Chambers.³ Judge Tarfusser noted that this responsibility "requires [his] full attention" and accordingly requested "to be relieved of [his] continuing obligations in *Gbagbo*."⁴

¹ Request for Excusal, 17 Mar. 2015, 2015/PRES/00091.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

