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**STATEMENT**  
**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

PERSONS INTERVIEWED:

- AVELUMA MATATIA
- BAMUHIGA VALENTIN
- IRIZO CONSTANTIN
- AGUDHU KAUZI INNOCENT
- WINGI BARAKA MATSETSE
- BAGUMA KRESUMA CESAR
- MUNGANGA MARANGBALU JACQUES
- MUKOALE ADJITSU ROGER
- BYALETSU TAGA THOMAS
- MUNGANGA OZUNGA JEAN-PIERRE
- MUNAKO TOKO DIEUDONNE
- TAGA MAYELE DENIS
- RUMBALE MBAGYELE VICTOR
- AVUTA BAZUNGA FAUSTIN
- ADBAHA NDODHU JEAN-PIERRE

Languages used during interview: French, Swahili

Date of interview: 1 September 2015

Place of interview: Aveba

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**We, the undersigned, members of the clergy and prominent individuals of Aveba,**

**Declare on our honour:**

We believe that GERMAIN KATANGA's return to the DRC, whether to Aveba or elsewhere, would not cause any problem. It would, on the contrary, be a great joy for the entire population.

Firstly, the population would be happy to see him released.

Secondly, the context of this war, which sparked his arrest, is different today. Germain Katanga did not start this war. He helped the population in a difficult period, when it was attacked. The population respects him.

The three persons from Ituri who were arrested and taken to The Hague do not bear the greatest responsibility for this war.

We will be happy to see him return.

As GERMAIN KATANGA left the militia to join Kinshasa and the national army at the end of 2004, he is not in contact with the FRPI militia, which is active around Aveba. He exerts no influence over the militia. At the time, in 2004, he encouraged the militia's demobilisation.

In May-June 2015, there was meeting between UNADI, civil society in Ituri and the militia in Aveba. The militia indicated its readiness to demobilise and had even brought their weapons. The following day, however, a FARDC general declared that the army would attack the militia even if it lay down arms.

To start with the militia stated that they wished to leave the bush, setting out the following conditions:

- Recognition of ranks,
- Compensation (because they were the ones who first fought the Rwandan and Uganda invasion),

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- Amnesty (the Government signed amnesties which helped M23, but not the groups from Ituri),
- Integration into the army or demobilisation, but no arrest,
- Demobilisation in Aveba and not elsewhere,
- Release of militia arrested in Bunia, Kinshasa etc,
- Restoration of peace by FARDC, which must not harass the population.

To date, the Government has not responded to the militia's demands.

As regards reconciliation, we have no problems with the Hema; we eat together.

For example, we teach in Behama Nord and stay with the Hema – without any bother.

We can also host Hema in our homes in Aveba. One of us hosted for five days five women from Boga who were heading to Bunia, even though he did not know them.

The livestock market is held fortnightly in the Bahema *collectivité* in Boga. It is attended by both Hema and Ngiti. The Ngiti can return home at night without any problems. They can even spend the night there without any problems.

The Hema cultivate the Ngitis' fields and vice versa.

The Hema sing in the Ngitis' churches and vice versa.

One of the undersigned is pastor at the *Église de l'Éveil* (Pentecostal). In this church there are Ngiti from Aveba who, two months ago, set off to work with the Hema sud in Tchomia. There is no problem. There is also a Hema pastor who worked for the *Église de l'Éveil* in Aveba for three years before being posted elsewhere.

There are also inter-community marriages. The son of one the undersigned, a doctor, has just married a Hema girl.

In conclusion, we believe that the return of GERMAIN KATANGA to Ituri, including Aveba, will not cause any problems. In particular, it will not threaten reconciliation between us, the Ngiti, and our neighbours. The return of GERMAIN KATANGA to Ituri could encourage the reconciliation process insofar as he could express his peaceful intent and even assist with discussions between the authorities and the militia in the bush.

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We, the undersigned, confirm that the content of this statement reflects what we believe to be true. The statement was made voluntarily under no threat or pressure. We understand that the statement is taken by persons who represent GERMAIN KATANGA, who was convicted by the International Criminal Court. We also understand that it may be used in judicial proceedings before the International Criminal Court, in particular proceedings on the early release of GERMAIN KATANGA.

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Name: *RUMBALE MBAGYELE VICTOR* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *Singo, 08/12/1950*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *Evangelist Pastor*

Address: *Aveba*

Name: *AVUTA BAZUNGU FAUSTIN* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *FATAKI, 28/10/1964*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *PASTOR*

Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *ADABHA NDODHU JEAN-PIERRE* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *BOGA, 14/10/1973*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *PASTOR*

Address: *AVEBA*

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Name: *AVELUMA MATATIA* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *NBANGU, 03/02/1946*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *PASTOR*

Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *BAMUHIGA VALENTIN* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *DJIMO, 25/12/1956*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *CHIEF/DJIMO*

Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *IRIZO CONSTANTIN* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *NYABIRI, 30/04/1975*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *PROMINENT PERSON*

Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *AGUDHU KAUZI INNOCENT* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *OZOBA, 01/09/1956*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *PROMINENT PERSON*

Address: *AVEBA*

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Name: *WINGI BARAKA MATSETSE* [signed]  
 Date and place of birth: *GETY-ETAT, 20/05/1959*  
 Ethnic group: *NGITI*  
 Occupation: *PASTOR*  
 Address: *OLONGBA*

Name: *BAGUMA KRESUMA CESAR* [signed]  
 Date and place of birth: *KYENGA, 17/05/1952*  
 Ethnic group: *NGITI*  
 Occupation: *HERDSMAN*  
 Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *MUNGANGA MARANGBALU JACQUES* [signed]  
 Date and place of birth: *TARAMA, 06/08/1949*  
 Ethnic group: *NGITI*  
 Occupation: *PASTOR*  
 Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *MUKOALE ADJITSU ROGER* [signed]  
 Date and place of birth: *GETY-MISSION, 20/12/1985*  
 Ethnic group: *NGITI*  
 Occupation: *PASTOR*  
 Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *BYALETSU TAGA THOMAS* [signed]  
 Date and place of birth: *AVEBA MK, 05/06/1960*  
 Ethnic group: *NGITI*  
 Occupation: *OLD WISE MAN/AVEBA*  
 Address: *AVEBA*

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Name: *MUNGANGA OZUNGA JEAN PIERRE* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *BADJANGA, 12/05/1949*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *OLD WISE MAN/DJIMO*

Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *MUNAKO TOKO DIEU DONNE* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *AVEBA, 28/08/1959*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *CHIEF/AVEBA*

Address: *AVEBA*

Name: *TAGA MAYELE DENIS* [signed]

Date and place of birth: *TALOLO, 01/01/1950*

Ethnic group: *NGITI*

Occupation: *TEACHER*

Address: *AVEBA*