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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Presiding Judge
Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion
Judge Bertram Schmitt

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. LAURENT GBAGBO AND
CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ***

Public

**Decision notifying the election of the Presiding Judge
and designating a Single Judge**

Decision to be notified, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court*, to:

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Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court ('Court'), in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo and Charles Blé Goudé* ('Gbagbo and Blé Goudé case'), issues the following 'Decision notifying the election of the Presiding Judge and designating a Single Judge'.

1. On 17 September 2014, the Presidency of the Court re-constituted Trial Chamber I, composed of Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion and Judge Geoffrey Henderson, and referred to it the case of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo* ('Gbagbo case').¹
2. On 20 December 2014, the Presidency of the Court referred the case of *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé* ('Blé Goudé case') to Trial Chamber I, composed of Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion and Judge Geoffrey Henderson.²
3. The judges of Trial Chamber I, both in the *Gbagbo* case³ and in the *Blé Goudé* case, elected Judge Geoffrey Henderson as Presiding Judge.⁴ They also designated the Presiding Judge as the Single Judge for the purposes of trial preparation in the two cases.⁵
4. On 11 March 2015, the Chamber issued a decision granting, *inter alia*, the Prosecution requests to join the *Gbagbo* and the *Blé Goudé* cases. It also declared that Judge Geoffrey Henderson was the Presiding Judge in the joint

¹ Presidency, Decision re-constituting Trial Chamber I and referring to it the case of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo*, 17 September 2014, ICC-02/11-01/11-682.

² Presidency, Corrigendum to the "Decision referring the case of *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé* to Trial Chamber I", ICC-02/11-02/11-193, 20 December 2014 (registered 22 December 2014), 22 December 2014, ICC-02/11-02/11-193-Corr.

³ *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo*, Decision notifying the election of the Presiding Judge, 25 September 2014 ICC-02/11-01/11-686.

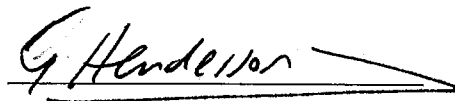
⁴ *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé*, Decision notifying the election of the Presiding Judge, 19 January 2015, ICC-02/11-02/11-199.

⁵ *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo*, Decision designating a Single Judge pursuant to Rule 132 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, 23 October 2014, ICC-02/11-01/11-700; *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé* Decision designating a Single Judge pursuant to Rule 132 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, 20 January 2015, ICC-02/11-02/11-199-Anx.

case and designated him as the Single Judge for the purposes of trial preparation in the joint case.⁶

5. On 18 March 2015, the Presidency recomposed Trial Chamber I to be comprised of Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion, Judge Geoffrey Henderson and Judge Bertram Schmitt.⁷
6. Pursuant to Regulation 13(2) of the Regulations of the Court, the judges of Trial Chamber I, in its new composition, elected a Presiding Judge and **HEREBY DECLARE** that Judge Geoffrey Henderson is the Presiding Judge.
7. Pursuant to Rule 132 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Chamber **DESIGNATES** the Presiding Judge, Geoffrey Henderson, as the Single Judge for the purposes of trial preparation in the *Gbagbo and Blé Goudé* case.

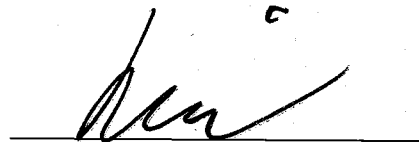
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Geoffrey Henderson, Presiding Judge



Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion



Judge Bertram Schmitt

Dated 24 March 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁶ Decision on Prosecution requests to join the cases of *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo* and *The Prosecutor v. Charles Blé Goudé* and related matters, with public Annex A, 11 March 2015, ICC-02/11-01/15-1 (see also ICC-02/11-01/11-810 and ICC-02/11-02/11-222).

⁷ Presidency, Decision replacing a judge in Trial Chamber I, ICC-02/11-01/15-8. A corrigendum was filed on 19 March 2015, ICC-02/11-01/15-8-Corr.