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Judge Silvia Alejandra Fernández De Gurmendi
Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert
Judge Howard Morrison
Judge Piotr Hofmański

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR *v.* JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO**

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**Prosecution Response to the Defence Request for Variation of the Time Limits for
the Filing of the Document in Support of Appeal**

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1. The Prosecution does not object to the Defence request pursuant to regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court that its document in support of appeal be filed no later than 180 days from the notification of the judgment.¹

2. As the Defence notes, the matter was informally discussed between the Parties. In those discussions the Prosecution indicated to the Defence that it would not object to their requested extension for the reasons discussed and now contained in grounds (a)-(d) of the Defence's Request.²

3. However, the Parties did not canvass in their discussions ground (e) of the Defence's Request, namely the outcome of the pending Article 70 Case against Mr Bemba.³ At this stage the Prosecution is of the view that this would not be a relevant factor supporting the Request as the two proceedings are independent. Nevertheless the Prosecution is of the view that the other factors raised by the Defence in grounds (a)-(d) do provide good cause for the requested extension and for those reasons does not object to the Request.

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Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Dated this 6th Day of April 2016
At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹ ICC-01/05-01/08-3353 A ("Request").

² Request, paras. 5, 28.

³ Request, paras. 24-25.

⁴ The Prosecution hereby makes the required certification: ICC-01/11-01/11-565 OA6, para. 32.