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STATEMENT
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Persons interviewed:

Name: Bède DJOKABA Lambi

Date and place of birth: Bunia, 27 May 1966

Ethnic group: Mambisa

Occupation: Secretary-General of the UPC

Address: Bunia, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Name: Simon NGADJOLE KIZA

Date and place of birth: Blukwa Mbi, 24 November 1949

Ethnic group: Hema

Occupation: Secretary-Rapporteur of the UPC's Political Committee

Address: Bunia, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Languages used during interview: French

Date of interview: 2 September 2015

Place of interview: Bunia

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We, the undersigned, representatives of the UPC,

Declare on our honour:

The UPC is a political party active in Ituri and nationwide.

The UPC supports the return of Germain KATANGA to the DRC, and to Ituri in particular, as well as the return of Thomas LUBANGA to the DRC.

There is no doubt that Germain KATANGA's return to the community will cause no problem, even more so if Germain Katanga carries a strong message of peace.

The return of GERMAIN KATANGA to Ituri will certainly cement peace and consolidate reconciliation. We harbour no hard feelings. We know that this was a war with a great deal of manipulation. We do not want any more deaths. We believe that his return will not cause further wars.

The return of GERMAIN KATANGA could incite the active militia in the Walendu Bindi to surrender and take part in the DDR programmes.

One of the undersigned has spent time with him in prison. At the time lots of things were said about Germain KATANGA; but in prison he seemed to be nothing like how he was described. He was good-natured and very obliging, positive traits for reconciliation.

Therefore, everyone's greatest wish would be that article 110 of the Rome Statute be applied to him so that he is released. Men of good faith could not be opposed to this.

His presence in Ituri could trigger the restoration of the climate of peace in the south of Bunia, in the Walendu Bindi.

GERMAIN KATANGA's presence would thus be a catalyst for peace in Ituri, if he carries a message of peace.

We saw the video of Germain KATANGA offering his apology for what happened in Bogoro. His apology seems sincere and is a good thing, although it was not necessary.

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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.

Date:

Name and signature: *Bède DJOKABA LAMBI* [signed]

Name and signature: *NGADJOLE KIZA Simon* [signed]

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