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**Before:** Judge Claude Jorda, Presiding Judge  
Judge Akua Kuenyehia  
Judge Sylvia Steiner

**Registrar:** Mr Bruno Cathala

**SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

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**Decision on the Designation of a Single Judge**

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**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I** (“the Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);

**NOTING** the “*Decision Assigning the Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“the DRC”) to Pre-Trial Chamber I*”, issued by the Presidency on 5 July 2004;<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** article 39(2)(b)(iii) of the *Rome Statute* (the Statute”), pursuant to which the functions of the Pre-Trial Chamber shall be carried out either by three judges of the Pre-Trial Division or by a single judge in accordance with the Statute and the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence*;

**NOTING** article 57(2)(b) of the Statute, pursuant to which a single judge of the Pre-Trial Chamber may exercise the functions provided for in the Statute, unless otherwise provided for in the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence* or by a majority of the Pre-Trial Chamber;

**NOTING** rule 7(1) of the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence* and regulation 47(1) of the *Regulations of the Court*, pursuant to which the designation of a single judge shall be based on criteria agreed upon by the Pre-Trial Chamber, including seniority of age and criminal trial experience;

**CONSIDERING** that at this stage of the proceedings concerning the situation in the DRC the designation of a single judge will ensure the proper and efficient functioning of the Chamber;

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<sup>1</sup> ICC-01/04-1.

**FOR THESE REASONS,**

**DECIDES** to designate Judge Sylvia Steiner as single judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I for the situation in the DRC from 14 July to 1 September 2006, inclusively;

**DECIDES** that, subject to article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, the functions of Pre-Trial Chamber I concerning the situation in the DRC shall be carried out by the Single Judge from 14 July to 1 September 2006, inclusively.

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

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**Judge Claude Jorda**  
**Presiding Judge**

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**Judge Akua Kuenyehia**

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**Judge Sylvia Steiner**

Dated this Thursday 13 July 2006

At The Hague, The Netherlands