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**International
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Court**

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Single Judge

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

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**Decision on the Starting date of the Timelimit provided for in Rule 155 of the
Rules in relation to the Decision Issued on 24 December 2007**

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I, Judge Sylvia Steiner, judge at the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);

NOTING the decision on victims’ application issued by the Single Judge on Monday 24 December 2007;

NOTING article 82(1)(d) of the Rome Statute (“the Statute”), rules 155 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“the Rules”), and regulations 33, 34 and 65 of the Regulations of the Court (“the Regulations”);

CONSIDERING that, according to rule 155 of the Rules, the parties have five days to file a request for leave to appeal against the decisions of the Pre-Trial Chamber; that, in relation to the decision issued by the Single Judge on 24 December 2007, this time limit will be running during the week of 24 December 2007; and that this week falls within the period of Court recess;

CONSIDERING that, according to the Appeals Chamber, “the three week Court recess does not generally constitute a suspension of judicial activity”,¹

CONSIDERING nevertheless that the Appeals Chamber in its decision of 18 December 2007 has highlighted in relation to the week of 24 December 2007 that:

“This week is unusual in that, over and above the fact that it falls during the three week Court recess, it comprises two public holidays and special days of leave. On that basis, the Appeals Chamber regards it as appropriate to extend the prescribed time limits to take those factors into account”.²

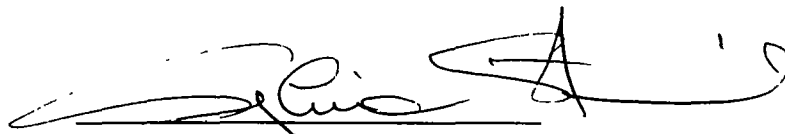
¹ ICC-01/04-01/07-115, para.9.

² ICC-01/04-01/07-115, para.6.

FOR THESE REASONS

DECIDE that, in relation to the several decisions issued on 24 December 2007, the five day time-limit provided for in rule 155 of the Rules shall start running from Monday 31 December 2007.

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



Judge Sylvia Steiner
Single Judge

Dated this Monday 24 December 2007

At The Hague (The Netherlands)