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**International  
Criminal  
Court**

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No.: ICC-02/05-02/09  
Date: 13 November 2009

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge**

**SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN**

**IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR V. BAHAR IDRIS ABU GARDA**

**Public Document**

**Decision on the Legal Representatives of Victims' Request**

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

**The Office of the Prosecutor**

Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo  
Mr Essa Faal

**Counsel for the Defence**

Mr Karim A.A. Khan  
Mr Andrew J. Burrow

**Legal Representatives of the Victims**

Mr Brahim Koné  
Ms Hélène Cissé  
Mr Akin Akinbote  
Colonel Frank Adaka

**Legal Representatives of the Applicants**

**Unrepresented Victims**

**Unrepresented Applicants for  
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for  
Victims**

Ms Paolina Massidda

**The Office of Public Counsel for the  
Defence**

Mr Xavier-Jean Keïta

**States Representatives**

**Amicus Curiae**

**REGISTRY**

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**Registrar & Deputy Registrar**

Ms Silvana Arbia  
Mr Didier Preira

**Defence Support Section**

**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

**Detention Section**

**Victims Participation and Reparations  
Section**

**Other**

**I, Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I (“the Chamber”) at the International Criminal Court (“the Court”);**

**NOTING** the oral decision rendered during the hearing of 30 October 2009, whereby the Chamber, *inter alia*, granted the Legal Representatives of Victims until Monday 16 November 2009 to file their final written observations;<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** the “Requête aux fins d’ extension du délai fixé par la Chambre Préliminaire pour le dépôt des observations écrites finales des représentants légaux des victimes” of 13 November 2009 (the “Request”), whereby Ms. Hélène Cissé, Legal Representatives of victims a/0434/09,a/0435/09,a/0456/09 to a/0462/09, a/0579/09 and a/0580/09 and Mr. Brahim Koné, Legal Representatives of victims a/0170/09 to a/0192/09 (collectively, the “Legal Representatives of Victims”) requested the Chamber to be granted until Monday 23 November 2009 to submit their final written observations;<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING** regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”);

**CONSIDERING** that the Legal Representatives of Victims request such extension due to technical problems which affected their access to the e-court system of the Court, and the Presiding Judge is of the view that this constitutes “good cause” in accordance with regulation 35(2) of the Regulations;

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<sup>1</sup> ICC-02/05-02/09-T-21-Red-ENG, pp. 82-83.

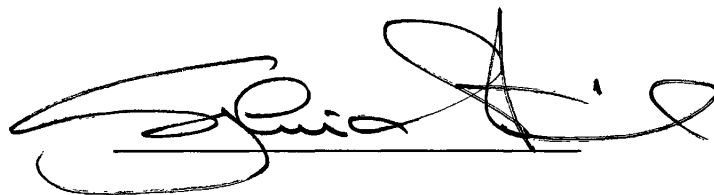
<sup>2</sup> ICC-02/05-02/09-226.

**CONSIDERING** further that, bearing in mind the extension requested by the Legal Representatives of Victims and the deadlines set for the submission of the parties' and participants' final written observations, the Presiding Judge does not deem it appropriate, for the purposes of regulation 35(2) of the Regulations, to hear the parties and participants before deciding on the Request;

**FOR THESE REASONS,**

**GRANT** the Legal Representatives of Victims until Monday, 23 November 2009 to submit their final written observations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Steiner', written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Judge Sylvia Steiner**

**Presiding Judge**

Dated this Friday, 13 November 2009

At The Hague, The Netherlands