Cour Pénale Internationale



International Criminal Court

Original: English No.: ICC-02/05-03/09

Date: 15 January 2013

TRIAL CHAMBER IV

Before: Judge Joyce Aluoch, Presiding Judge

Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi

Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

SITUATION IN THE DARFUR, SUDAN

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR

v.

ABDALLAH BANDA ABAKAER NOURAIN

&

SALEH MOHAMMED JERBO JAMUS

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Defence Request to Reschedule the Time and/or Date of the Status Conference scheduled for 29 January 2013

Sources: Defence Team of Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain

Defence Team of Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus

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I. Introduction

1. On 14 December 2012, "having reviewed the parties and participants' submissions on a possible date for the commencement of the trial" and "in accordance with Rule 132(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence," the Trial Chamber ordered that a status conference be held on 29 January 2013 starting at 15.00.1

2. The Defence for Mr. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain and Mr. Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus ("Defence") respectfully request that the 29th January 2013 status conference be rescheduled to either the morning of the 29th January or to the preceding day, that is Monday 28th January.

II. Submissions

3. Since the scheduling of the 29th January 2013 status conference, certain important personal matters have arisen which require Lead Defence Counsel's attendance in London late on Tuesday afternoon. The Defence advise that this engagement is immovable. Therefore, in order that Lead Defence Counsel might attend the status conference at which the important matter of the setting of a trial date will be discussed, the Defence respectfully request that the status conference be rescheduled to either the morning of the 29th January or to the 28th January.

4. While the Defence appreciate that courtroom availability is only one factor in any rescheduling exercise, the Defence have checked the tentative court calendar (up-to-date through 9 January), which shows that no other hearings

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¹ ICC-02/05-03/09-429.

are scheduled for the week commencing 28th January save for the status conference in this case.²

Relief Requested

The Defence respectfully request that the 29th January 2013 status conference be rescheduled to either the morning of the 29th January or to the preceding day, that is Monday 28th January.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated this 15th Day of January 2013

At Nairobi, Kenya

Dated this 15th Day of January 2013

At The Hague, The Netherlands

² Tentative Court Calendar 2013 available at: http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/icc/situations%20and%20cases/hearing%20schedule/Documents/2013calendarbilingual.pdf.