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Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccia

**Judge Robert Fremr** 

### SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR V. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO AND JOSHUA ARAP SANG

### Confidential

Prosecution's request for leave to reply to the "Defence Response to Corrected version of 'Prosecution's eighth application pursuant to Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court'", 21 August 2014, ICC-01/09-01/11-1463"

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### Introduction

1. Pursuant to Regulation 24(5) of the Regulations of the Court, the Prosecution seeks leave to reply to the "Defence Response to Corrected version of 'Prosecution's eighth application pursuant to Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court', 21 August 2014, ICC-01/09-01/11-1463"¹ ("Ruto Defence Response").

### Confidentiality

2. The Prosecution filed this Request as Confidential as it relates to previous filings similarly classified.

#### Statement of facts

- 3. On 22 August 2014, the Prosecution filed its eighth application pursuant to Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court wherein it requested to add 57 items to its List of Evidence ("Application"). All items pertain to upcoming trial witnesses P-0604 and P-0495.<sup>2</sup>
- 4. The Defence for Mr Ruto filed a response on 26 August.<sup>3</sup> The Defence for Mr Sang did not file a response by the relevant deadline.

### **Submissions**

5. A party must show good cause in order for a Chamber to grant leave to reply. This Court has found that "good cause" exists when new and distinct issues of law and fact are raised,<sup>4</sup> when the importance and potential effect of the issues necessitate additional submissions,<sup>5</sup> when the Chamber considers it might benefit from receiving further observations,<sup>6</sup> or when facts have been

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ICC-01/09-01/11-1466-Conf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ICC-01/09-01/11-1463-Conf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ruto Defence Response.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ICC-01/04-01/10-61, pp. 3-4.

Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ICC-01/09-02/11-679, para. 9.

- misrepresented.<sup>7</sup> The Prosecution submits that there is good cause to grant leave to reply to the Ruto Defence Response on the following two issues.
- 6. Firstly, the Prosecution seeks leave to explain how the Defence for Mr Ruto has mischaracterised and conflated the Prosecution's second and third grounds for requesting the addition of the relevant evidence to its List of Evidence<sup>8</sup> as being an attempt to "use complaints of witnesses as evidence of consciousness of guilt". Clarifying the basis of the Prosecution's Application (to the extent that it is not already clear from the original filing) will assist the Chamber by avoiding the need to determine issues which are not in fact engaged by the Application.
- 7. Secondly, the Prosecution seeks leave to explain why the Defence assertion that "The reality is that "the bulk of the materials" were disclosed for the first time in the past 2 weeks" is both exaggerated and misleading. <sup>10</sup> The Prosecution will provide the Chamber with a breakdown of the actual dates of disclosure and the type and volume of the materials disclosed. The Prosecution submits that correcting the Defence misrepresentation will assist the Chamber in determining whether unfair prejudice would be caused to the Accused by granting the Prosecution request.
- 8. If the Chamber is so minded to grant leave to reply on these two issues, it will do so expediently, by no later than 16:00 on 28 August 2014.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> ICC-02/05-03/09-294-Red, para. 6(iv).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Namely: "[...] (b) to prove that their interference was part of a wider witness interference scheme in which *other* Prosecution witnesses have been approached; and (c) to assist the Chamber with its overall assessment of evidence and determining matters related to alleged witness corruption", Application, para.3; See also paras.32 and 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ruto Defence Response, paras.3, 10 and 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ruto Defence Response, para.19 and footnote 45.

## Relief requested

9. Pursuant to Regulation 24(5), the Prosecution seeks leave to reply to the Ruto Defence Response on the two issues outlined in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.

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Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014 At The Hague, The Netherlands