Cour Pénale Internationale



International Criminal Court

Original: English No.: ICC-01/05-01/08

Date: 24 October 2014

TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before:

Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge

Judge Joyce Aluoch Judge Kuniko Ozaki

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO

Public

Decision on the admission of two documents

for

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

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Legal Representatives of the Applicants

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Unrepresented Victims

Unrepresented **Applicants**

Participation/Reparation

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Victims

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Victims Participation and Reparations Other

Section

Trial Chamber III ("Chamber") of the International Criminal Court ("Court"), in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, hereby issues the following Decision on the admission of two documents.

- 1. On 23 October 2014,¹ the defence for Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo ("defence") communicated to the Chamber, the Office of the Prosecutor ("prosecution") and the Legal Representative of Victims, the list of the documents it intended to use during Witness P-169's testimony, indicating those it would submit into evidence.
- 2. During the hearing of 24 October 2014, the Chamber decided upon the admission of the documents submitted by the defence.² Subsequently, the defence informed the Chamber that it wishes to tender two additional documents into evidence documents CAR-OTP-0083-1489-R01 and CAR-OTP-0083-1494-R01 having previously mistakenly indicated the contrary.³ The defence confirmed its intention by way of email.⁴ The defence submits both documents are relevant to, *inter alia*, the credibility of witnesses, probative thereof, and that their admission will cause no prejudice to the prosecution.⁵
- 3. On 24 October 2014, the prosecution indicated that it has no objection to the admission of either document.⁶ The Legal Representative of Victims did not make any submissions on the admission of either document.

¹ Email from the defence to the Chamber on 23 October 2014 at 12.47.

² ICC-01/05-01/08-T-363-ENG RT, page 36, line 22, to page 42, line 9.

³ ICC-01/05-01/08-T-363-ENG RT, page 42, line 10, to page 43, line 1.

⁴ Email from the defence to the Chamber on 24 October 2014 at 12.08.

⁵ See ICC-01/05-01/08-T-363-ENG RT, page 42, line 10, to page 43, line 1, in conjunction with the email from the defence to the Chamber on 23 October 2014 at 12.47 and the email from the defence to the Chamber on 24 October 2014 at 12.08.

⁶ Email from the prosecution to the Chamber on 24 October 2014 at 13.15.

4. In view of the above, and having assessed documents CAR-OTP-0083-1489-R01 and CAR-OTP-0083-1494-R01 against the three-part admissibility test, the Chamber finds that both documents are relevant and probative, and considers that their admission will cause no prejudice to the fairness of the trial.

5. Accordingly, the Chamber hereby:

- a. ADMITS documents CAR-OTP-0083-1489-R01 and CAR-OTP-0083-1494-R01 into evidence; and
- b. INSTRUCTS the Registry to assign EVD-T numbers to both documents.

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

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Judge Sylvia Steiner

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Judge Joyce Aluoch Judge Kuniko Ozaki

Dated this 24 October 2014

At The Hague, the Netherlands