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Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In this situation, three cases are being heard before the relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; and *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*. The accused Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui are currently in the custody of the ICC. The suspect Bosco Ntaganda remains at large. The trial in the case *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo* started on 26 January, 2009. The trial in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui* started on 24 November, 2009.

Decisions taken between 22 - 26 February 2010

Lubanga case

Redacted Decision on the prosecution's applications to vary protective measures under Regulation 42 of 14 July and 17 August 2009

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 22 February, 2010

Redacted Decision on the Prosecution's Request for Non-Disclosure of Information of 19 December 2008, and the Prosecution's Request for Non-Disclosure of Information of 4 February 2009

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 22 February, 2010

Situation in the Central African Republic

In the only case in this situation, *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, Pre-Trial Chamber II confirmed, on 15 June 2009, two charges of crimes against humanity and three charges of war crimes, and committed the accused to trial before a Trial Chamber. The trial is scheduled to start on 27 April, 2010.

Decisions taken between 22 - 26 February 2010

Bemba Case

Decision defining the status of 54 victims who participated at the pre-trial stage, and inviting the parties' observations on applications for participation by 86 applicants

Issued by Trial Chamber III on 22 February, 2010

Order on the reclassification as public of documents ICC-01/05-01/08-498-Conf and ICC-01/05-01/08-503-Conf

Issued by Appeals Chamber on 24 February, 2010

Relevant Links

Courtroom proceedings can be followed on the ICC website: www.icc-cpi.int

You can also consult the **hearings schedule**.

Video summaries can be found at our **Youtube channel**.

Events

Review Conference: Stocktaking related visit

As part of the preparations for the Review Conference of the Rome Statute, which includes the topic “Stocktaking of international criminal justice”, a second group of delegates made a visit to Uganda.



Ms Mii Aro-Sánchez and Ms Elena Bornand, representing Finland and Chile, respectively, focal points for the subtopic of the impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities, and Mr Zenon Mukongo, delegate of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, one of the focal points for the subtopic of peace and justice, were accompanied by Ms Elisabeth Rehn, member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, and Mr Renan Villacis, Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties.

The visit, organised by the NGO No Peace without Justice and their Ugandan partners, Hurinet-U and UCICC, with the sponsorship of Denmark, took place from 10 to 16 February. In Kampala the delegation met with members of parliament representing the Greater North Parliamentary Forum and the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, as well as with NGOs working on victims' issues and with ICC field office staff. In northern Uganda, where the crimes which the Government of Uganda referred to the ICC for investigation were committed, the delegation also visited the cities of Gulu and Lira, as well as the Barlonyo internally displaced persons camp, where they had meetings with victims and regional leaders.



Furthermore, Ms Rehn visited some of the projects in Lira undertaken by the Trust Fund for Victims such as the Friedis

Rehabilitation Center and the Northeast Chili Pepper Association; she also delivered a lecture at Makerere University.



The focal points are preparing reports on their respective subtopics for consideration at the resumed eighth session of the Assembly at the end of March. A first group of delegates had made a visit in January. An additional four visits are planned through May.

The Review Conference will be held from 31 May to 11 June in Kampala (<http://www.icc-cpi.int/Menus/ASP/ReviewConference/>).

Calendar

MARCH 2010						
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
	2010 first bi-annual strategic meeting with NGOs					
08 Press Conference re. the ICC permanent premises	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties in New York (resumption)						
Future events:						
27 April: Trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo is scheduled to start						
31 May – 11 June: First Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda.						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.