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# ICC Weekly Update

## 29 March 2010 #27

### The Presidency

#### Decisions taken between 22 - 26 March, 2010

**Decision on the admissibility of Aprocdec's "Requête en Annulation de la Décision du Refus de Visite opposé par le Greffier le 5 janvier 2010. Et, Contestation du Comportement et l'Aptitude du Greffier à exercer les Fonctions prévues à l'Article 43(1)."**

Issued by the Presidency on 23 March 2010

**Registrar's submissions pursuant to Regulation 24 bis of the Regulations of the Court in relation to the Presidency Decision of 23 March 2010 on the "admissibility of Aprocdec's "Requête en Annulation de la Décision du Refus de Visite opposé par le Greffier le 5 janvier 2010. Et, contestation du Comportement et l'Aptitude du Greffier à exercer les Fonctions prévues à l'Article 43 (1) ""**

Submitted by the Registrar on 25 March 2010

### Situation in the Republic of Kenya

The Republic of Kenya ratified the Rome Statute on 15 March, 2005, becoming a State Party. On 6 November, 2009, upon receiving a letter from the Prosecutor indicating his intention to submit a request for the authorisation of an investigation *proprio motu*, the International Criminal Court's Presidency issued a decision assigning the situation in the Republic of Kenya to Pre-Trial Chamber II. On 26 November, 2009, the Prosecutor submitted a request to Pre-Trial Chamber II for the authorisation of an investigation into that situation in relation to the post-election violence of 2007-2008. Pre-Trial Chamber II is now considering the Prosecutor's request.

#### Decisions taken between 22 - 26 March, 2010

**Decision on Re-classification and on the "Prosecutor's Application for Access to any VPRS Filing and any Decision by this Chamber"**

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 24 March 2010

#### Decision on Extension of Time Limit

Pursuant to Pre-Trial Chamber II's Decision ICC-01/09-18, dated 24/03/2010, document ICC-01/09-7-Conf-Exp is reclassified as "Public"

### Situation in Darfur, Sudan

In the situation in Darfur, Sudan, three cases are being heard: *The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Muhammad Harun ("Ahmad Harun")* and *Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman ("Ali Kushayb")*; *The Prosecutor v. Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir*; and *The Prosecutor v. Bahar Idriss Abu Garda*. Three warrants of arrest have been issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I for Harun, Kushayb and Al Bashir for crimes against humanity and war crimes. The three suspects remain at large. A summons to appear was issued for Abu Garda who appeared voluntarily before the Chamber on 18 May 2009. Abu Garda is not in the custody of the ICC. After the hearing of confirmation of charges, on 8 February, 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges.

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### Abu Garda Case

**Decision requesting clarification on submission of Response by Legal Representative of Victims**

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on the 24 March 2010

## Registry report on the circumstances surrounding the submission of the "Eléments de réponse et observations sur la requête de l'accusation demandant l'autorisation de faire appel" by Me Cissé

Submitted by the Registrar on 26 March 2010

### 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.

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#### Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui case

#### Enregistrement au dossier de pièces présentées lors des audiences tenues le 2 et 4 mars 2010

Submitted by the Registrar on 22 March 2010

#### Affectation de victimes au groupe principal et désignation de Me Fidel Nsita Luvengika comme leur représentant légal commun

Submitted by the Registrar on 25 March 2010

### Relevant Links

**Courtroom proceedings** can be followed on the ICC website: [www.icc-cpi.int](http://www.icc-cpi.int)

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

**Video summaries** can be found on our [Youtube channel](#).

## Events

### Bangladesh ratifies the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

On 23 March, 2010, the government of Bangladesh ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The Statute will enter into force for Bangladesh on 1 June, 2010, bringing the total number of States Parties to the Rome Statute to 111.

Reacting to Bangladesh's ratification of the Rome Statute, the ICC President, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, noted that "By ratifying the Rome Statute, Bangladesh will become the first State Party in South Asia. I applaud its decision to join the growing commitment of states to end impunity for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide."

### Elisabeth Rehn elected Chairperson for the Board of Directors at the Trust Fund for Victims, International Criminal Court



On Tuesday, March 23, 2010 the newly elected Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) unanimously nominated Ms Elisabeth Rehn as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. A former Presidential candidate in Finland, member of the Finnish and European Parliaments, and former Minister of Defence in Finland, Ms Rehn brings special expertise to her new leadership role with her experience as the former UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human rights in The Republic of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and as the UN Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of Secretary-General in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ms Rehn stated that she was "very honored to be elected by her distinguished colleagues; and that she looks forward to leading the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims based on her experience working in conflict and post-conflict situations."

The TFV is helping an estimated 42,300 direct beneficiaries (victims) and 182,000 indirect beneficiaries (victims and their families) of crimes under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court in two of these situations (namely northern Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the Central African Republic in 2010/11). The TFV fulfils two mandates: (1) administering reparations ordered by the Court against a convicted person<sup>1</sup>, and (2) To use other resources for the benefit of victims subject to the

1. Rule 98 (2), (3), (4) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

provisions of article 79 of the Rome Statute<sup>2</sup>. Both mandates provide support to victims of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed since 1 July, 2002<sup>3</sup>. It works with survivors and their communities as fully-fledged partners in designing sustainable, effective, and locally-relevant interventions to help victims rebuild lives and rejoin their families and communities.

Ms Rehn stated that, “the Trust Fund for Victims also considers its assistance to victims of sexual and other forms of gender-based violence (SGBV) a key step toward ending impunity for human rights abusers, establishing durable peace and reconciliation in conflict settings, and for successfully implementing United Nations Security Council resolutions 1325, 1820, and 1889.”

Ms Rehn has been active in the creation of the SRC 1325 from its birth in Windhoek 2000. She co-authored the report ‘Women War Peace’, an assessment of the situation of women and girls in wars and conflict. The empowerment of women and their presence at negotiation tables is especially important to her. She feels that “women’s and girls’ empowerment are key steps in achieving the TFV’s mission of addressing the harm resulting from crimes under the jurisdiction of the ICC.”

The TFV considers both mainstreaming a gender-based perspective across all programming (including reparations), and specifically targeting crimes of sexual violence, as key steps to achieving its mission of addressing the harm resulting from crimes under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

Currently, the TFV is addressing two of the three crimes under ICC’s jurisdiction - crimes against humanity and war crimes - committed since 1 July, 2002. The TFV supports 34 projects in northern Uganda and the DRC that reach thousands of victims and their families. For example, the TFV supports:

- Medical treatment for victims with disfiguring injuries to reduce the stigma they face and to facilitate their reintegration;
- Rehabilitation and reintegration of child soldiers, including girl combatants and abductees through family reunification, foster placement, and vocational training;
- Improving access to reproductive health services, counseling, and psychosocial support for survivors of rape;
- Opportunities to improve household livelihoods through agricultural and micro-credit initiatives.

For more information please visit the Trust Fund for Victims website at: <http://www.trustfundforvictims.org/>

## Calendar

MARCH 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31				
APRIL 2010						
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Future events:</b> 31 May – 11 June: First Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda. 5 July: Trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo is scheduled to start.						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.

2. Rule 98 (5) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. For more information on the TFV’s legal basis, please see <http://trustfundforvictims.org/legal-basis>.

3. As defined in Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Rome Statute.