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Situation in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire, which is not party to the Rome Statute, **had accepted the jurisdiction** of the ICC on 18 April 2003; more recently, and on both 14 December 2010 and 3 May 2011, the Presidency of Côte d'Ivoire **reconfirmed the country's acceptance** of this jurisdiction. On 3 October 2011, the Pre-Trial Chamber authorised the Prosecutor to open an investigation into the situation in Côte d'Ivoire since 28 November 2010.

Statement by ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo on official visit to Côte d'Ivoire, October 15-16

"I am grateful to President Ouattara for extending the invitation for me to conduct an official visit to Côte d'Ivoire. We will also meet members of the Opposition. We will meet with victims, and listen to their views and concerns. We believe it is critically important to meet with the Truth, Dialogue and Reconciliation Commission, which has a crucial mandate to contribute to the prevention of new crimes, the establishment of individual responsibilities and the reconciliation of all Ivorians.

My Office is closely monitoring election-related developments including in neighbouring countries such as Liberia, which could affect stabilisation throughout the West African region. We will pay close attention to the actions and statements of the political class, and in particular to the presidential candidates, including after the elections. Resorting to violence will not be tolerated".

Source: Office of the Prosecutor

Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In this situation, four cases have been brought before the relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*; and *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana*. The accused Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui and the suspect Callixte Mbarushimana 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. The confirmation of charges hearing in case against Callixte Mbarushimana was held from 16 to 21 September 2011. The decision on the confirmation of charges is pending.

Decisions taken between 10 - 14 October 2011

Lubanga Dyilo Case

Decision on the Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber for the proceedings with respect to the "Registrar's Submissions under Regulation 24bis of the Regulations of the Court In relation to Trial Chamber I's Decision ICC-01/04-01/06-2800"

Issued the Appeals Chamber on 13 October 2011

Situation in the Republic of Kenya

On 31 March 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber II granted the Prosecutor's request to open an investigation *proprio motu* in the situation in Kenya, State Party since 2005. Following summonses to appear issued on 8 March 2011, six Kenyan citizens voluntarily appeared before Pre-Trial Chamber II on 7 and 8 April 2011. The confirmation of charges hearing in the case *The Prosecutor v. William Samoei Ruto, Henry Kiprono Kosgey and Joshua Arap Sang* took place from 1 to 9 September 2011. The confirmation of charges hearing in the case *The Prosecutor v. Francis Kirimi Muthaura, Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta and Mohammed Hussein Ali* took place from 21 September to 5 October 2011. The decisions on the confirmations of charges are pending.

Decisions taken between 10 - 14 October 2011

Ruto, Kosgey and Sang Case

Decision on the "Defense Submissions Concerning Reclassification of Certain Confidential Defence Documents"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 14 October 2011

Relevant Links

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

You can also consult the **hearing schedule**

Video summaries can be found on our **YouTube channel** | The ICC's activities can also be followed through **Twitter**

Events

Cape Verde becomes the 119th State to join the Rome Statute system

On 10 October 2011, the government of the Republic of Cape Verde deposited its instrument of ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to the United Nations. The Statute will enter into force for Cape Verde on 1 January 2012, bringing the total number of States Parties to the Rome Statute to 119.

The ICC President, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, welcomed Cape Verde into the Rome Statute family, saying: "As the first Lusophone country in Africa to ratify the Rome Statute, Cape Verde has not only demonstrated its commitment to international criminal justice but also taken us one step further towards a truly universal system of the Rome Statute, representative of all peoples, cultures and legal systems of the world".

The President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, Ambassador Christian Wenaweser, welcomed the ratification by Cape Verde, which reaffirms the central role the African region has been playing in support of the Court.

By ratifying the Rome Statute, Cape Verde has joined the international community's efforts to put an end to impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes that threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world.

President Song delivers keynote speech at Annual LAWASIA Meeting in Seoul

On 10 October 2011, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the ICC, delivered the keynote speech at the opening the Annual Meeting of the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA) in Seoul, Korea. Speaking on the "Role of Asian Lawyers in the Emerging System of International Criminal Justice" before almost 1000 legal scholars and practitioners from 31 Asian-Pacific countries, President Song commended LAWASIA's role in promoting the rule of law, justice and protection of human rights throughout the Asia-Pacific region since its establishment in 1966. Judge Song remarked that the Meeting provided a timely opportunity to open discussions on incorporating Rome Statute crimes into domestic laws of the Asia-Pacific countries.

Reminding the audience that all Asian countries, without exception, are States Parties to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, thereby accepting the responsibility to criminalise the grave breaches defined in those treaties and to prosecute the perpetrators of such grave breaches – which form a major part of the war crimes contained in the Rome Statute – President Song emphasised that the "question is not so much whether we agree that the offences under the Rome Statute should be criminalised, the question is rather, what are the efforts we should take to prevent impunity for such crimes".

In his speech, President Song said he believes that the Asia-Pacific region can and should make an essential contribution to the further development of international criminal justice. Pointing to the recent decisions of the Maldives, the Philippines and Bangladesh to join the ICC, he stated: "Let us encourage more states to sail with the wind that is blowing across the Asia-Pacific in favour of ratification of the Rome Statute".

The full text of President Song's keynote address is available [here](#).

Calendar

OCTOBER 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17	18	19	20	21 ASP President to hold press conference at the ICC	22 President Song to participate in a panel discussion on "Current Challenges for the International Criminal Court" during the International Law Weekend in New York (USA)	23
24 President Song to deliver lecture on "Cooperation, complementarity and universality - three key challenges of the Rome Statute system of international justice" at Hofstra University, School of Law in Hempstead, New York (USA)	25	26 President Song to present the ICC's annual report to the United Nations General Assembly in New York (USA)	27	28	29	30
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NOVEMBER 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2 Judge Monageng addresses lawyers during the IBA annual conference in Dubai (United Arab Emirates)	3	4	5	6
7 ICC hosts visit by Judges and the Deputy Registrar of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights	8 ICC hosts welcoming ceremony for the Philippines, new State Party to the Rome Statute	9	10	11	12	13

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.