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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, Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui and 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 the case *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana* is scheduled to start on 4 July 2011.

Decisions taken between 7 - 11 February 2011

Lubanga case

Redacted version of the Corrigendum of Decision on the applications by 15 victims to participate in the proceedings

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 8 February 2011

Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui case

Cinquième décision relative à 2 demandes de participation de victimes à la procédure

Issued by Trial Chamber II on 9 February 2011

Mbarushimana case

Decision Scheduling a Hearing on Issues relating to Disclosure between the Parties

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 7 February 2011

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. On 31 March 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber II granted the Prosecutor's request. On 15 December 2010, the Prosecutor requested the Judges to issue summonses to appear against six Kenyan citizens. The Chamber's decision is pending.

Decisions taken between 7 - 11 February 2011

Decision on the "Application for Leave to Participate in the Proceedings before the Pre-Trial Chamber relating to the Prosecutor's Application under Article 58(7)"

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 11 February 2011

Decision on a Request for Leave to Appeal

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 11 February 2011

Situation in the Central African Republic

The situation was referred to the Court by the Government of the Central African Republic in December 2004. The Prosecutor opened an investigation in May 2007. 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 started on 22 November 2010.

Decisions taken between 7 - 11 February 2011

Bemba case

Decision on the Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber in the appeals of Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo and the Prosecutor against the decision of Trial Chamber III entitled "Decision on the admission into evidence of materials contained in the prosecution's list of evidence"

Issued by the Appeals Chamber on 8 February 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

Search Committee for the position of ICC Prosecutor takes up work

7 February 2011

The search for a successor to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, whose term will expire in June 2012, is underway. The Search Committee, which operates from New York and is mandated to facilitate the nomination and election, by consensus, of the next Prosecutor, held its first meeting. Over the next few months, the Committee will informally receive expressions of interest from individuals, States, regional and international organizations, civil society, professional associations and other sources. The Search Committee will also actively identify and informally approach individuals who may satisfy the applicable criteria, in particular those contained in article 42 of the Rome Statute. The Search Committee will review the expressions of interest and produce a shortlist of at least three suitable candidates, where possible for consideration by the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties. The next Prosecutor will be elected by the tenth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The Committee is composed of five members, one from each regional group, namely:

- (a) H.E. Mr. Baso Sangqu, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations (African Group)
- (b) H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations (Asian Group) (Coordinator)
- (c) H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations (Eastern European Group) (Deputy Coordinator)
- (d) H.E. Mr. Joel Hernández, Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)
- (e) Sir Daniel Bethlehem, Q.C., Legal Adviser to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom (Western European and Others Group)

Interested candidates or those wishing to recommend the names of qualified individuals are requested to contact the Search Committee through the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties:

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ICC hosts welcome ceremony honouring the Republic of Moldova as a new State Party



President Sang-Hyun Song, in the presence of Ambassador Jorge Lomónaco, presents Ambassador Mihai Gribincea with a special edition of the Rome Statute © ICC-CPI

The International Criminal Court (ICC) held a ceremony on 11 February 2011 at the seat of the Court in The Hague to welcome the Republic of Moldova as the 114th State Party to the Rome Statute, the ICC's founding treaty.

During the ceremony, ICC President Sang-Hyun Song presented the Ambassador of Moldova, H.E. Mr Mihai Gribincea, with a special edition of the Rome Statute, as a symbol of their joint commitment to the rule of law.

ICC President Song acknowledged that ratifying such an important treaty is “not a simple undertaking”, and thanked those who worked hard to make it happen. “I sincerely hope that Moldova’s decision to ratify the Rome Statute will inspire other countries to do the same”, he added.

Commending Moldova’s decision, the Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties and Ambassador of Mexico, H.E. Mr Jorge Lomónaco, stated that countries ratifying the Rome Statute send “a strong message to the international community to further strengthen its efforts to ensure that the most heinous crimes should be investigated and justice dispensed”.

Ambassador Gribincea expressed Moldova’s commitment to the ICC, saying: “The ICC represents an important milestone in the efforts of the international community to safeguard the rights of the weak from across the world, as it represents not only an effective instrument for doing justice, but also an instrument for the encouragement of peace”.

The ceremony was held in the presence of the Second Vice-President of the Court, Judge Hans-Peter Kaul, Judge Erkki Kourula, Judge Anita Ušačka, Judge Bruno Cotte, Judge Cuno Tarfusser, the Registrar, Ms Silvana Arbia, the Deputy Prosecutor, Ms Fatou Bensouda, and the Deputy Registrar, Mr Didier Preira.

Speech of the President of the ICC, Judge Sang-Hyun Song

Speech of the Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties, the Ambassador of Mexico, H.E. Mr Jorge Lomónaco

Speech of the Ambassador of Moldova, H.E. Mr. Mihai Gribincea

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Calendar

FEBRUARY 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14 ICC President to lecture at UN Regional Course in International Law in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) ----- Prosecutor to participate in the Cinema for Peace event, Berlin (Germany)	15	16 ASP President to brief the ICC Friends Group on Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) and Nairobi (Kenya) visits ----- ASP President to hold meeting with ICC judges	17 ASP President to host retreat with ICC President, Prosecutor and Registrar	18	19	20
ASP President to participate in Seminar on the Implications of the 2010 Review Conference, organised by the Grotius Centre/Leiden University, at Peace Palace						
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MARCH 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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7 Prosecutor to deliver the inaugural lecture of the new Master on Governance and Human Rights at the Universidad Autónoma, Madrid (Spain)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Deputy Prosecutor to participate in the international colloquium "Women's rights, Migrant women's rights and international humanitarian law", Dakar (Senegal)	16	17	18	19	20
21 March: Prosecutor to deliver keynote speech at Facing History and Ourselves event, London (United Kingdom)						
21 and 22 March: Trust Fund for Victims to hold board meeting at the ICC						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.