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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 and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui are currently in the custody of the ICC. The suspect Callixte Mbarushimana was arrested on 11 October 2010, in France. He is currently in the custody of the French authorities, pending his surrender to 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 17 - 21 January 2011

Lubanga case

Corrigendum to Decision on the admissibility of four documents

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 20 January 2011

Redacted Decision on the prosecution's disclosure obligations arising out of an issue concerning witness DRC-OTP-WWWW-0031

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 20 January 2011

Decision on the Prosecution's application for admission of four documents from the bar table pursuant to Article 64(9)

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 20 January 2011

Mbarushimana case

Decision to unseal and reclassify certain documents in the record of the case

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 19 January 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 17 - 21 January 2011

Decision on Application for Leave to Submit Amicus Curiae Observations

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber II on 18 January 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

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ICC President meets with the Czech Republic's Minister of Foreign Affairs



H.E. Mr Karel Schwarzenberg, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, and Judge Sang-Hyun Song, ICC President, at the seat of the Court in The Hague © ICC CPI

On Thursday, 20 January 2011, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court (ICC) met with H.E. Mr Karel Schwarzenberg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, at the seat of the Court in The Hague (The Netherlands).

Minister Schwarzenberg is the Czech Republic's first high-level representative to officially visit the ICC since the country ratified the Rome Statute. The treaty entered into force for the Czech Republic on 1 October 2009. Minister Schwarzenberg assisted with the complicated domestic ratification process and participated in negotiations and seminars in connection with it.

President Song welcomed Minister Schwarzenberg at the ICC headquarters, and thanked him for the Czech Republic's support to the Court, both in its individual capacity and as a member state of the European Union. Minister Schwarzenberg informed the ICC President that the Czech Republic had started the accession process to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ICC, in accordance with the pledge presented by the Czech Republic at the Review Conference held in Kampala, Uganda, from 31 May to 11 June 2010.

ICC and Serbia sign agreement on the enforcement of sentences



 $H.E.\ Snežana\ Malovi\acute{c},\ Minister\ of\ Justice\ of\ Serbia,\ and\ ICC\ President\ Sang-Hyun\ Song\ at\ the\ seat\ of\ the\ Court\ in\ The\ Hague\ @\ ICC\ CPI$

On Thursday, 20 January 2011, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court (ICC) met with H.E. Snežana Malović, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Serbia, to sign an agreement on the enforcement of sentences, at the seat of the Court in The Hague.

"Having sufficient options in place to ensure the enforcement of judicially ordered sentences is an important element in the overall credibility of the judicial process at the ICC", President Song remarked. "This is a historic moment as Serbia is the first Eastern European State to conclude an agreement on the enforcement of sentences with the ICC. I hope this will encourage other states in the region to

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follow your lead", he said.

Minister Malović stated that "the ICC is one of the most important building blocks in fighting impunity and promoting accountability". She added that the "signing of this agreement will reinforce our commitment to the values and objectives that we share".

The Rome Statute, founding treaty of the ICC, provides that sentences handed down by Judges "shall be served in a State designated by the Court from a list of States which have indicated to the Court their willingness to accept sentenced persons". In addition to the agreement with Serbia, the ICC has signed five such agreements with the governments of Austria, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark and Finland.

The ICC is the first permanent, treaty-based, international criminal court established to help end impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community, namely war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.



H.E. Snežana Malović, Minister of Justice of Serbia, and ICC President Sang-Hyun Song at the seat of the Court in The Hague © ICC CPI

Calendar

JANUARY 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Deputy Prosecutor to participate in the 17 th Pre-Summit Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union, Addis Ababa			President Song to deliver a lecture at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge			
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FEBRUARY 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	Foreign Minister of Italy to visit the ICC	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	Ceremony to welcome Moldova as a new State Party	12	13
President Song to lecture at UN Regional Course in International Law in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	15	16	17	18	19	20

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.