

**Cour
Pénale
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**International
Criminal
Court**

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THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Philippe Kirsch, President
Judge Akua Kuenyehia, First Vice-President
Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, Second Vice-President

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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**DECISION ASSIGNING THE SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN
REPUBLIC TO PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER III**

The Office of the Prosecutor
Mr Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor

THE PRESIDENCY of the International Criminal Court (the "Court");

NOTING article 38 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (the "Statute");

NOTING the Decision Constituting Pre-Trial Chambers, issued by the Presidency on 23 June 2004;

NOTING the letter from the Prosecutor, dated 22 December 2004, annexed to this decision, in which the Prosecutor formally informed the President of the Court of the referral received on 21 December 2004 from a representative of President Bozizé of the Central African Republic;

NOTING the public announcement on 7 January 2005 of the said referral;

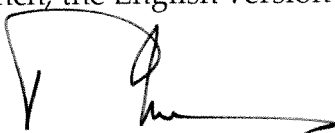
NOTING articles 12, 13 and 14 of the Statute;

NOTING regulation 46(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the "Regulations"), pursuant to which the Presidency shall assign a situation to a Pre-Trial Chamber as soon as the Prosecutor has informed the Presidency in accordance with regulation 45;

NOTING regulation 45 of the Regulations, pursuant to which the Prosecutor shall, *inter alia*, inform the Presidency in writing as soon as a situation has been referred to the Prosecutor by a State Party under article 14 of the Statute; and provide the Presidency with any other information that may facilitate the timely assignment of a situation to a Pre-Trial Chamber;

HEREBY DECIDES that the situation in the Central African Republic be assigned to Pre-Trial Chamber III, with immediate effect.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Judge Philippe Kirsch
President

Dated this **ninetieth** day of January 2005

At The Hague, The Netherlands

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Office of the Prosecutor

The Hague, 22 December 2004

Dear President Kirsch,

Pursuant to Regulation 45 of the Regulations of the Court and Regulation 2.3 of the Regulations of the Office of the Prosecutor, please be informed that the situation of Central African Republic was referred to my Office on 21 December 2004. In a letter presented by a representative of President Bozizé, my Office has been asked to investigate crimes under the jurisdiction of the Court that may have been committed since 1 July 2002, anywhere on the territory of the Central African Republic.

This matter is now being dealt with according to established procedures.

Yours faithfully,



Luis Moreno Ocampo
Chief Prosecutor

Philippe Kirsch
President
International Criminal Court

cc: Bruno Cathala, Registrar