

**Cour  
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Internationale**



**International  
Criminal  
Court**

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No.: ICC-01/05  
Date: 23 March 2009

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II**

**Before:** Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova  
Judge Hans-Peter Kaul  
Judge Fumiko Saiga

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

**Public Document**

**Decision on the Election of Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II**

Decision to be notified, in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court*, to:

**The Office of the Prosecutor**

Luis Moreno-Ocampo

**Counsel for the Defence**

**Legal Representatives of the Victims**

**Legal Representatives of the Applicants**

**Unrepresented Victims**

**Unrepresented Applicants for  
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for  
Victims**

**The Office of Public Counsel for the  
Defence**

**States Representatives**

**Amicus Curiae**

## **REGISTRY**

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**Registrar & Deputy Registrar**  
Silvana Arbia

**Defence Support Section**

**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

**Detention Section**

**Victims Participation and Reparations  
Section**

**Other**

**THE JUDGES OF PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II** (“the Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court are seized with the matter of the election of a Presiding Judge.

1. The Chamber notes the “Decision assigning the situation in the Central African Republic to Pre-Trial Chamber III” issued by the Presidency on 19 January 2005.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Chamber recalls that Pre-Trial Chamber III was composed of Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova (Presiding Judge),<sup>2</sup> Judge Hans-Peter Kaul and Judge Mauro Politi.<sup>3</sup> The Chamber further recalls that the term of office of Judge Mauro Politi ended on 10 March 2009.
3. The Chamber notes the “Decision on the constitution of Pre-Trial Chambers and on the assignment of the Central African Republic situation” issued by the Presidency on 19 March 2009<sup>4</sup> whereby Pre-Trial Chamber III was dissolved, the situation of the Central African Republic was assigned to Pre-Trial Chamber II and Judge Mauro Politi was replaced with Judge Fumiko Saiga.
4. The Chamber notes regulation 13(2) of the Regulations of the Court pursuant to which the judges of each Pre-Trial Chamber shall elect a Presiding Judge from amongst their members.
5. The Chamber also notes the meeting of the judges of Pre-Trial Chamber II on 23 March 2009 during which it was decided that Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova will act as the Presiding Judge of the Chamber in the situation of the Central African Republic with immediate effect.

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<sup>1</sup> Presidency, ICC-01/05-1.

<sup>2</sup> Pre-Trial Chamber III, ICC-01/05-21.


<sup>3</sup> Presidency, ICC-01/05-20.

<sup>4</sup> Presidency, ICC-01/05-22.

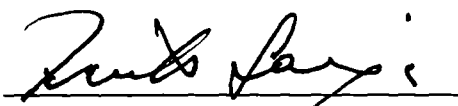
**THE CHAMBER HEREBY**

- a) **decides** that Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova is the Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II in the situation of the Central African Republic and any cases emanating therefrom;
- b) **orders** the Registrar to file this decision in the record of the situation of the Central African Republic and any case emanating therefrom, including the case of the Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo.

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

  
 Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova  
 Presiding Judge

  
 Judge Hans-Peter Kaul  
 Judge

  
 Judge Fumiko Saiga  
 Judge

Dated this 23 March 2009

At The Hague, The Netherlands