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**International
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Court**

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THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Philippe Kirsch, President
Judge Akua Kuenyehia, First Vice-President
Judge René Blattmann, Second Vice-President

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Decision replacing a judge in Pre-Trial Chamber III

Decision/Order/Judgment to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Mr Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor

Ms Fatou Bensouda, Deputy Prosecutor

Registrar

Ms Silvana Arbia

THE PRESIDENCY of the International Criminal Court;

Noting the decision of the Presidency of 14 March 2006 constituting Pre-Trial Chamber III, composed of Judges Hans-Peter Kaul, Sylvia Steiner and Ekaterina Trendafilova;¹

Noting the under seal request of Judge Sylvia Steiner of 21 April 2008 to be excused from exercising her functions as a judge of Pre-Trial Chamber III, pursuant to article 41 of the Rome Statute (hereinafter "Statute") and rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (hereinafter "Rules");²

Noting the decision of the Presidency of 22 April 2008, excusing Judge Sylvia Steiner from exercising her functions as a judge of Pre-Trial Chamber III;³

Considering that the functions of a Pre-Trial Chamber shall normally be carried out by three judges of the Pre-Trial Division or by a single judge of that Division in accordance with article 39(2)(b)(iii) of the Statute;

Considering rule 38 of the Rules, providing for the replacement of judges;

Hereby decides, pursuant to regulation 15 of the Regulations of the Court, that Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra shall replace Judge Sylvia Steiner in Pre-Trial Chamber III with immediate effect and, as such, Pre-Trial Chamber III shall be composed as follows:

Judge Hans-Peter Kaul;

Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra; and

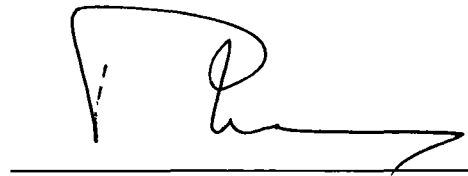
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova.

¹ Decision constituting Pre-Trial Chambers, ICC-Pres-01/06.

² See Annex I for a public redacted version of the under seal request for excusal.

³ See Annex II.

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

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Judge Philippe Kirsch
President

Dated this 22 April 2008

At The Hague, The Netherlands