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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Adrian Fulford, Presiding Judge
Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito
Judge René Blattmann

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

**SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR *v.* THOMAS LUBANGA DYILO**

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**Order on the Office of Public Counsel for Victims' request for
extension of time limit**

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1. At the hearing on 30 October 2007, the Office of Public Counsel for Victims was requested to submit written observations on the victims' issues discussed at the hearing by Friday 7 November 2007, as it was unable to make oral submissions at the hearing due to the absence of Principal Counsel.¹ The Office of Public Counsel for Victims filed on 7 November 2007 a request for an extension of the time limit to file its observations of a week.² In support of its request, the Office of Public Counsel for Victims states that Principal Counsel is still on sick leave and absent from the seat of the Court.
2. Regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court provides that the Trial Chamber may extend a time limit if good cause is shown.
3. Notwithstanding the absence of Principal Counsel, the Chamber considers that the Office of Public Counsel should be sufficiently well resourced to meet the deadline of 9 November 2007. In addition, the issues scheduled for submissions at the hearing on 30 October were set out by the Chamber in filings issued on 5 September and 17 October 2007.³
4. The Trial Chamber therefore finds that good cause to enlarge the time limit has not been shown and hereby rejects the request.

¹ Transcript of hearing on 30 October 2007, ICC-01/-04-01/06-T-58-ENG, page 14.

² Request for extension of time limit, ICC-01/-04-01/06-1014.

³ Order setting out schedule for submissions and hearings regarding the subjects that require early determination, 5 September 2007, ICC-01/-04-01/06-947; The Trial Chamber's agenda for the hearing on 29-31 October 2007, 17 October 2007, ICC-01/-04-01/06-985.

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



Judge Adrian Fulford



Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito



Judge René Blattmann

Dated this 8 November 2007

At The Hague, The Netherlands