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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Akua Kuenyehia, Presiding Judge
Judge Anita Ušacka
Judge Sylvia Steiner

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

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Decision on the Designation of a Single Judge

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I (“The Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (“the Court”);

NOTING the Decision assigning the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“the DRC”) to Pre-Trial Chamber I, issued by the Presidency on 5 July 2004;¹

NOTING the “Decision on the Designation of a Single Judge”² issued by the Chamber on 10 May 2007, appointing Judge Sylvia Steiner as the Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I responsible for the situation in the DRC and any related case from 10 May 2007 and until otherwise decided by the Chamber,

NOTING the decision to replace a judge of the Chamber³ filed by the Presidency on 22 June 2007,

NOTING article 39(2)(b)(iii) of the *Rome Statute* (“the Statute”) pursuant to which the functions of the Pre-Trial Chamber shall be carried out either by three judges of the Trial Division or by a single judge in accordance with the Statute and the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence*;

NOTING article 57(2)(b) of the Statute, pursuant to which a single judge of the Pre-Trial Chamber may exercise the functions provided for in the Statute, unless otherwise provided for in the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence* or by a majority of the Pre-Trial Chamber;

¹ ICC-01/04-1

² ICC-01/04-328

³ ICC-01/04-351

NOTING rule 7(1) of the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence* and regulation 47(1) of the *Regulations of the Court*, pursuant to which the designation of a single judge shall be based on criteria agreed upon by the Pre-Trial Chamber, including seniority of age and criminal trial experience;

CONSIDERING that at this stage of the proceedings in the Situation in the DRC and any related case, the designation of a single judge will ensure the proper and efficient functioning of the Chamber;

FOR THESE REASONS,

MAINTAINS the decision rendered by the Chamber on 10 May 2007, which designated Judge Sylvia Steiner as single judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I responsible for the Situation in the DRC and any related case from 10 May 2007 until otherwise decided by the Chamber;

DECIDES to appoint Judge Akua Kuenyehia as single judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I responsible for the Situation in the DRC and any related case from 23 July 2007 to 10 August 2007,

DECIDES that, subject to article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, the functions of Pre-Trial Chamber I concerning the Situation in the DRC and any related case shall be exercised by the single judge.

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

Judge Akua Kuenyehia
Presiding Judge

Judge Anita Ušacka

Judge Sylvia Steiner

Dated this Wednesday 27 June 2007

At The Hague, The Netherlands