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**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before: Judge Akua Kuenyehia, Single judge**

**Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala**

**SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN**

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**Decision suspending the time limit for the submission of observations on  
applications for participation in the proceedings**

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**I, Judge Akua Kuenyehia, judge at the International Criminal Court (the “Court”);**

**NOTING** the applications for participation in the proceedings a/0021/07, a/0023/07 to a/0033/07 and a/0035/07 to a/0038/07<sup>1</sup> (“the Applications”) all filed confidential, *ex parte* on 10 July 2007 in the record of the Situation in Darfur, Sudan, seeking recognition of the right to participate as victims in the proceedings in the situation in Darfur, Sudan;

**NOTING** the “Decision authorizing the filing of observations on application a/0021/07, a/0023/07 to a/0033/07 and a/0035/07 to a/0038/07 for participation in the proceedings”, issued by the Single Judge on 23 July 2007, giving the Prosecution and the Office of the Public Counsel for the defence (“OPCD”) the opportunity to submit their observations on the Applications for participation in the proceedings, within 30 days from notification;<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING** the “Request for Access to the Report of the Registry, and an Extension of Page Limit” (“the OPCD’s Request”) filed on 01 August 2007, requesting the Chamber (1) to order the Registry to transmit the Report from the Registry on the Applications for participation in the proceedings in the situation in Darfur, Sudan; to the OPCD; and (2) to authorize the OPCD to file a response of 30 pages (not including the cover-page);<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> ICC-02/05-84-Conf-Exp – Anx 1 - 18

<sup>2</sup> ICC-02/05-85

<sup>3</sup> ICC-02/05-87- Conf

**NOTING** the “Decision on the Designation of a Single Judge”, issued by the Pre-Trial Chamber I on 11 May 2005;<sup>4</sup>

**NOTING** article 68 of the Rome Statute (“the Statute”), rule 89(1) Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the “Rules”);

**CONSIDERING** that the deadline for the filing of the observations by the Prosecution and the OPCD starts to run from the notification of the Applications for participation;

**CONSIDERING** that according to rule 89(1) of the Rules, the Prosecution and the defence shall be entitled to submit their observations within a time limit set by the Chamber;

**CONSIDERING** that the decision of the Chamber on the notification of the Report to the Prosecution and the OPCD is still pending; and that therefore the time limit for submission of observations should be suspended until such decision is reached by the Chamber;

**FOR THESE REASONS**

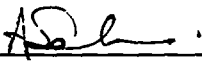
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<sup>4</sup> ICC-02/05-73

**DEFERS** the decision on the transmission of the Report and extension of page limit;

**DECIDES** to temporarily suspend the deadline for the filing of Observations by the Prosecution and the OPCD, until otherwise decided by the Single Judge.

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

  
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**Judge Akua Kuenyehia**  
**Single judge**

Dated this Thursday 02 August 2007

At The Hague

The Netherlands