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	Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals	Date:	19 June 2015
		Original:	English
SINGLE JUDGE			
Before:	Judge Vagn Joensen, Single Judge		

**Registrar:** 

Mr. John Hocking

In Re.

The Prosecutor v. François-Xavier Nzuwonemeye

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## REGISTRAR'S RULE 31(B) SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO THE SINGLE JUDGE'S DECISION OF 19 MAY 2015

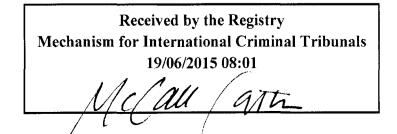
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- Pursuant to Rule 31(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals ("Rules" and "Mechanism", respectively), and the Decision of the Single Judge rendered on 19 May 2015,<sup>1</sup> the Registrar brings the following observations to the attention of the Single Judge.
- On 18 February 2015, Mr. Nzuwonemeye filed a motion for compensation and damages based upon alleged violations of his fair trial rights.<sup>2</sup> The Prosecution filed its response on 4 March 2015.<sup>3</sup> Mr. Nzuwonemeye filed his reply on 9 March 2015.<sup>4</sup>
- 3. On 19 May 2015, the Single Judge requested the parties to make submissions on "whether a claim for compensation for an alleged violation of a fair trial right may be raised after the criminal proceedings have been completed by a trial or appeal judgement which does not specifically authorise that the matter be raised".<sup>5</sup> The Single Judge also invited the Registrar "to provide submissions, if any, by 19 June 2015".<sup>6</sup>
- 4. The Registrar does not take a position on the question of whether specific authorisation of claims is required.
- 5. The Registrar, however, respectfully requests that he be permitted to submit observations on the substance of Mr. Nzuwonemeye's compensation claim, including information regarding relevant jurisprudence of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda,<sup>7</sup> should the claim advance to be considered on its merits.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Prosecutor v. Nzuwonemeye, Case No. MICT-13-43, Decision on Request for Leave to Exceed the Word Limits for Motion for Compensation and Damages for Violations of the Fundamental Rights of F.X. Nzuwonemeye and Invitation to Make Further Submissions ("Decision"), 19 May 2015, p. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Prosecutor v. Nzuwonemeye, Case No. MICT-13-43, Motion for Compensation and Damages for Violations of the Fundamental Rights of F.X. Nzuwonemeye, Pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1966 (2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Prosecutor v. Nzuwonemeye, Case No. MICT-13-43, Prosecutor's Consolidated Response to Motion for Compensation and Damages for Violations of the Fundamental Rights of F.X. Nzuwonemeye and Request for Leave to Exceed the Word Limits for Motion for Compensation and Damages for Violations of the Fundamental Rights of F.X. Nzuwonemeye, 4 March 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Prosecutor v. Nzuwonemeye, Case No. MICT-13-43, Reply to Prosecutor's Consolidated Response to Request for Leave to Exceed the Word Limits and Motion for Compensation and Damages for Violations of the Fundamental Rights of F.X. Nzuwonemeye, Pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1966 (2010), 9 March 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Decision, para. 23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Id., p. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See e.g., In Re. André Ntagerura, Case No. ICTR-99-46-A28, Decision on Motion to Appeal the President's Decision of 31 March 2008 and the Decision of the Trial Chamber III of 15 May 2008, 18 November 2008 (holding that residence in the Arusha safe house does not constitute a deprivation of liberty or freedom of movement).

6. The Registrar remains at the Single Judge's disposal should further information be required.

Respectfully submitted, 63 John Hocking Registrar

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 At The Hague, The Netherlands.