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## DECISION OF WITHDRAWAL OF Me. Mario SPANDRE AS LEAD COUNSEL OF THE ACCUSED Jean MPAMBARA

The Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda;

**Considering** Article 16 of the Statute of the ICTR (The Statute);

**Considering** Article 19 of the Directive on Assignment of Defence Counsel (The Directive);

**Considering** the letter dated August 13, 2001 assigning Mr. Mario SPANDRE as Lead counsel of the accused Jean MPAMBARA;

**Considering** the amply detailed request for withdrawal of Me. Spandre's assignment filed before the Registrar by Mr. Jean MPAMBARA on June 25, 2003;

**Considering** that the said Jean MPAMBARA has premised his request on the apparent disinclination of Me. Mario SPANDRE to perform the work involved in order to prepare Mr. MPAMBARA's defence and represent him;

**Considering** that to date the Tribunal has not received a detailed response to a letter sent on 14 July 2003 to Me. SPANDRE urging him to comment on the grievances put forward by Mr. Jean MPAMBARA in support of his request for withdrawal;

**Considering** that despite a reminder sent to him on August 7, 2003 urging him to submit his comments by August 11, 2003 Me. SPANDRE has not replied;

**Considering** that after a review of all the facts, especially that in the two years since Me. SPANDRE was assigned he has not managed to make one visit to the seat of the Tribunal despite the statement of availability signed and filed before the Tribunal, it appears that the situation envisaged by Rule 45 *ter* (B) of the *Rules of Procedure and Evidence* has now arisen:

**Considering**, that Counsel who accepts assignment as Defence Counsel before the Tribunal is legally obliged to act in compliance with its Rules and Code of Conduct, and Me. SPANDRE has put his other commitments ahead of his commitments to the Tribunal despite his signed declaration of availability;

**Considering** that the exceptional circumstances underlying the implementation of Article 19 of the Directive prevail in this case as the unavailability and apparent unwillingness to act of Counsel is preventing an effective representation of the Accused;

**Hereby discharges** Me. Mario SPANDRE as Lead Counsel of M. Jean MPAMBARA, and notes that he is no longer eligible for assignment to an accused/suspect of the Tribunal;

**Hereby directs** the Accused to submit three names of eligible counsel as per Circular n.2 of November 22, 1999 to fill the position of Lead Counsel:

Hereby notifies Me. Mario SPANDRE, Mr. Jean MPAMBARA and the President

of the French Bar of Brussels.

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Deputy Registrar
For The Registrar

Arusha, 18 August, 2003



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