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The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda and has the honour to inform the Esteemed Ministry that a request for assistance has been received from Lead Counsel for the Accused Joseph Nzirorera, Mr. Peter Robinson.

The ICTR notes that Mr. Robinson is seeking the good offices of the Government of Rwanda in securing an interview with the President of the Republic of Rwanda, Honorable Paul Kagame, in connection with the preparation of Mr. Nzirorera's defence. The request is contained in a letter attached as Annex "A", in which he indicates that he will be in Rwanda during the period from 11 to 27 February 2008 and that he would be most grateful if he could be given an appointment during that time.

The ICTR wishes to stress the urgency of the present request which is made pursuant to Article 28 of the Statute of the ICTR. The ICTR further underlines that the presentation of the defence case in this trial is due to start before Trial Chamber III on 3 March 2008. Therefore, the ICTR would greatly appreciate the assistance of the Government of Rwanda in securing the required interview.

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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation**  
**Attention: His Excellency Dr. Charles MURIGANDE**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation**  
**Kigali – Republic of Rwanda**

While awaiting the official response of the Government of Rwanda, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Arusha, 4 January 2008

**Copies:**

- Honorable Tharcisse Karugarama, Minister of Justice, Kigali;
- Honorable Martin Ngoga, Prosecutor General of the Republic of Rwanda, Kigali;
- Mr. Alloys Mutabingwa, Representative of the Government of Rwanda to ICTR, Arusha.

**Attachments:**

- Copy of "Joseph Nzirorera's Notice of Request for Interview of President Kagame" filed on 2 January 2008;
- Copy of Annex "A" - correspondence from Lead Counsel for the Accused Joseph Nzirorera to the Honorable Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL  
FOR RWANDA

CASE No. ICTR-98-44-T

IN TRIAL CHAMBER No. 3

Before: Judge Dennis C.M. Byron, Presiding  
Judge G. Gustave Kam  
Judge Vagn Joensen

Registrar: Mr. Adama Dieng

Date Filed: 2 January 2008

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THE PROSECUTOR

v.

JOSEPH NZIRORERA

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JOSEPH NZIRORERA'S NOTICE OF REQUEST  
FOR INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME

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SIGNATURE: *Sylvie Van Driessche* DATE: 02/02/2008

1. Joseph Nzirorera respectfully notifies the Trial Chamber and the parties that he is requesting an interview with President Paul Kagame of Rwanda for the purpose of obtaining information material to the preparation and presentation of his defence case. The request is contained in a letter attached as Annex "A".

2. The Registrar is respectfully requested to serve this notice and the attached letter on the government of Rwanda through diplomatic channels.

3. No action is required at this time by the Trial Chamber. Further motions or requests may follow depending upon the response (or lack thereof) to this request by the Government of Rwanda and President Kagame.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ANNEX "A"**

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2 January 2008

The Honorable Paul Kagame  
President, Government of Rwanda  
State House  
Kigali, Rwanda

Re: *Prosecutor v Joseph Nzirorera*  
No. ICTR-98-44-T

Dear President Kagame,

Greetings from Arusha.

I am Peter Robinson, lead counsel for Joseph Nzirorera at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

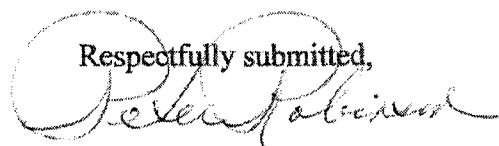
Mr. Nzirorera is on trial for genocide and other crimes in connection with his role as Secretary General of the MRND party in 1994. The prosecution has now completed its case, and the defence has been ordered to begin presenting its case on 3 March 2008.

I am writing to request the opportunity to interview you in connection with the preparation of Mr. Nzirorera's defence. It would be my honor and privilege to meet you and to be able to ask you some questions. I would like to ask you about the assassination of President Juvenal Habyarimana and other events which are important issues in the trial. Your cooperation will assist Mr. Nzirorera in bringing the truth of what happened in Rwanda to light.

I promise not to take more than one hour of your time.

I will be in Rwanda during the period from 11 to 27 February 2008 and would be most grateful if you could give me an appointment during that time.

Respectfully submitted,



PETER ROBINSON  
Lead Counsel for Joseph Nzirorera