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Ref.: ICTR/JUD-11-6-219

Dear Madam,

**RE: Amicus Curiae Brief in the matter of the Prosecutor
vs Jean-Paul Akayesu, Case No. ICTR-96-4-T**

We acknowledge receipt of the Amicus Curiae Brief in the matter of the Prosecutor vs Jean-Paul Akayesu, Case No. ICTR-96-4-T submitted to Judge Kama, President of the Tribunal and Presiding Judge of the Trial Chamber 1. Page 20 onwards were not received and we would be grateful to receive the same to complete the documents on our file.

With regard to your motion, you will be happy to know that on 17 June 1997, the Prosecutor made an oral application to Trial Chamber 1, to amend the existing indictment to include sexual offences, as envisaged in your own motion.

The Trial Chamber agreed to hear the said motion and after due deliberations granted the prosecution motion to amend the Akayesu indictment to cover sexual offences. A copy of the amended indictment is enclosed for your information.

At the hearing on 17 June 1997, the Trial Chamber did not ask the accused to plead to the amended indictment, instead, the case was postponed to 22 October 1997 to enable the defence more time to prepare the accused to plead to the amended indictment on that date. The Trial which had been scheduled to resume on 29 September 1997 will now resume on 22 October 1997.

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However, if you still wish to pursue your Amicus Curiae Motion pursuant to Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("The Rules"), we suggest you first seek leave to appear before the Chamber to make submissions before it. You would then be able to argue your case, but only after the Chamber has granted you leave to appear before it.

Yours faithfully,



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Cc: Judge Laity Kama, Presiding Judge, Chamber 1
Judges of the Trial Chamber 1
The Registrar
The Prosecutor