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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 March 1998 and for your continued interest in and support for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

In my capacity of Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber I, I have the honor to confirm that we have received on 29 May 1997 the Amicus Curiae brief that your Organization and the other members of the NGO Coalition for Women's Human Rights in conflict situations have filed with us.

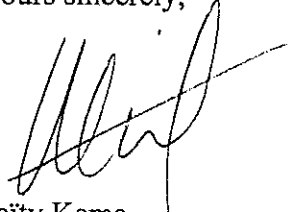
The said brief has then indeed been filed in the official judicial case file of the Case "Prosecutor vs Jean-Paul Akayesu" (Case ICTR-96-3-T) and has been served upon the Parties to the Case. By a letter dated 7 July 1997 addressed to Ms. Rhonda Copelon (Ref. ICTR/JUD-11-6-219) Ms Prisca Nyambe, Chief Court Management Section and Senior Legal Officer - Registry, acknowledged receipt of the said brief on behalf of Trial Chamber I. She further indicated that, pursuant to Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the NGO Coalition would first have to seek leave to appear before the Chamber as an Amicus Curiae.

As you may know and as Ms Nyambe indicated in her above-mentioned letter, on 17 June 1997, the Prosecutor requested to be granted leave to amend the original indictment against Jean-Paul Akayesu to include new counts on sexual offences. Trial Chamber I granted leave and the amendment was subsequently amended to read as in the annexed copy.

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Once again, I wish to thank your Organization for its interest in the judicial activities of the ICTR and for your continued efforts to promote International Justice. I would appreciate it if you could forward this letter and our thanks to all the members of the Organization of the NGO Coalition.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laity Kama', written in a cursive style.

Laity Kama
President