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**Prosecutor receives referral concerning Central African Republic**  
ICC-OTP-20050107-86

**Situation:** Central African Republic

The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, has received a letter sent on behalf of the government of the Central African Republic. The letter refers the situation of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court committed anywhere on the territory of the Central African Republic since 1 July 2002, the date of entry into force of the Rome Statute.

In accordance with the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Prosecutor will carry out an analysis in order to determine whether to initiate an investigation. For this purpose, he will seek additional information in relation to the criteria set out in the Statute, including the gravity of alleged crimes, any relevant national proceedings, and the interests of justice.

The Office of the Prosecutor is also analyzing several other situations that have been brought to the attention of the Prosecutor by individuals and groups.

This referral is the third that has been submitted to the Prosecutor, following referrals from Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Office of the Prosecutor is currently conducting investigations in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.