



# Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

## Official Transcript: Arlette Ramaroson (Highlight)



<b>Role:</b>	Judge
<b>Country of Origin:</b>	Madagascar
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<b>Interpreter:</b>	Name unknown

**In this highlight, Arlette Ramaroson speaks on...  
the need to retain judicial impartiality**

*The transcript of the highlight begins on the following page.*

- 00:00 *Interpreter: From the very beginning, I was very much affected by the things I heard, the things I saw, evidence, things which happened in the country; because such things do not happen in my country. I was a presiding judge in criminal trials some twenty, 25 years ago and I came across very, very few cases of rape.*
- 00:30 *Interpreter: But you see we are first and foremost judges and we have to try and endeavor to make sure such things which we see and hear do not affect our judgments. I must say that I have my family, and especially my husband, who have been supporting me considerably for quite a while now, and they have comforted me (\_\_\_\_\_).*
- 01:14 *Interpreter: However, as I say, I'm going to repeat, we are judges, I am a judge, you are a judge, so we have to make all the efforts to ensure that such things do not impact on our judgments.*