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Names of all persons present during Interview: A.4 Dianne Luping, A.3.2  
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Signature(s): A.3.2  
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of the homes were [REDACTED] they were called after their children's names). Kony has many children, if some did not get burnt in a fire he would have about 80 children.

6. I was in Sudan looking for food when I met some people who said Kony's house was burnt. We did not know who lit the fire, the fire was coming from very far and reached the homes and burnt the children.
7. One of Kony's 'wives' told us. I do not remember her name.
8. There is one of Kony's 'wives' at Rachele Rehabilitation Centre.
9. I remember the youngest girls treated as 'wives' by Kony were around 16 years old. I do not know if other 'wives' of Kony received military training.
10. Kony was called General. He was advising people how to fight, how they should live and sometimes he would call people to pray. His role is in planning. The most senior commander of the LRA is Kony followed by Otti.

#### Communications

11. I saw Kony speak on a radio call once when he was sending a report to those who went to collect food. The top senior commanders, including Kony, Otti and the late Tabuley also had walkie talkies but Kony ordered them to stop using them. I did not hear or see any other time Kony was using a radio call or a telephone.

#### Relationship with Kony

12. Not more than two weeks after I was sent to Kony's home, I was made a 'housewife'. Kony would call me to go to his house or send a boy to take me there. One time I refused to go to his house and he called his boys and they beat me [REDACTED]. He did not tell me what I had done he said I knew the problem. He told me I was not respectful, that I was a bad person and I was going to escape. He had called me about three times and I had never gone and on the third time I refused he sent one boy to beat me. The boy's name is [REDACTED] left Sudan and came to Uganda. I hear he is in Uganda.
13. I stayed and he kept calling me and if I did not go he would come and said he wanted water and he would go back to his house. That day I was called the third time and failed to go, I was beaten but nothing else happened. I became sick on my bottom cheeks, as a result of the beatings.
14. The first time I had sex with Kony, I do not remember the time and day. That question is difficult to answer. Once when he called I went to hide behind the house. He came and checked for me and after not finding me he said he should not find me in his house in the morning. The next morning he found me but nothing happened. I continued to stay and he continued calling me like that.
15. On that day when he forced me to play sex with him it was even my first time. I had a lot of fear. That is what scared me all the time: the sexual intercourse with him. He had many women, I knew that I could get sick. I still had a little fear until





when I came out and tested and I was found to not have any disease. I became more comfortable.

16. I felt I had no choice but to have sex with Kony. I was not prepared. He just forced me. And on my side I knew it was not the right time.
17. When I went to his house he got up and closed the door. He got me and threw me down and he said I would sleep there and he said if I was misbehaving he would beat me and that if I had forgotten the times when [REDACTED] had beaten me he would beat me himself. Kony slept with me that day. He had sex with me.
18. I was wearing my clothes. When he forced me he removed my dress and tore my underwear and started playing sex with me.
19. Kony used his penis and he penetrated my vagina.
20. At all times when I had sex with Kony, I felt I had no choice.
21. We stayed there and one day government army men came and started shooting at us. This was in the beginning of [REDACTED]. The government found a few people, who were at home and some of them were weak including a commander called Otim whose leg was broken. I was there, together with some of Kony's children and his bodyguards. We ran together: me, Kony, his bodyguards and a few kids of Kony. In that place I could not escape because I did not know the language. It was still in Sudan. They speak Arabic.

#### **Incidents**

22. I did not hear anything about an attack in Pajule, Lukodi nor Pagak.
23. I heard soldiers were sent to Abia and Barlonyo.
24. I confirmed that I did have further information that I would like to provide, but because of limited time the interview had to be stopped so it could be resumed at a later date.

#### **Closing Procedure**

25. I have nothing to add to the above statement nor do I have anything to clarify.
26. I have given the answers to the questions of my own free will.
27. There has been no threat, promise or inducement been made to me to give the answers to the questions.
28. I have no complaints about the way I was treated during this interview.
29. I was informed that I am entitled to a copy of this statement in both the English and the Lango language. I was also informed that I will be given a copy of this statement in the English language today and a copy of the translation of this statement into the Lango language as soon as practicable. In addition, I was informed that I will be provided with the transcripts of the audio recorded portion of the interview in both the English and the Lango language. I will be given these

transcripts when I am provided with a copy of the translation of this statement into the Lango language.

30. On 26 February 2005 I was given a set of three original tapes which contain the portion of the interview that was audio recorded, and a fourth tape which did not successfully record the last portion of the interview as covered by this statement.

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### WITNESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This Statement has been read over to me in the Lango and English languages and is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have given this Statement voluntarily and I am aware that it may be used in legal proceedings before the International Criminal Court and that I may be called to give evidence in public before the International Criminal Court.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

*26/02/2005*

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### INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION

I, A.3.2 certify that:

1. I am duly qualified to interpret from the Lango language into the English language and from the English language into the Lango language.
2. I have been informed by \_\_\_\_\_ that she speaks and understands the Lango and English languages.
3. I have orally translated the above statement from the English language to the Lango language in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ who appeared to have heard and understood my translation of the Statement.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ has acknowledged that the facts and matters set out in her Statement, as translated by me, are true to the best of her knowledge and recollection and has accordingly signed her signature where indicated.



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Dated: 07-02-05

Signed: A.3.2

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