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Criminal
Court**

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No.: **ICC-01/13**

Date: **22 November 2016**

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: **Judge Joyce Aluoch, Presiding Judge**
 Judge Cuno Tarfusser
 Judge Péter Kovács

**SITUATION ON REGISTERED VESSELS OF THE UNION OF THE
COMOROS, THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC OF GREECE AND THE KINGDOM
OF CAMBODIA**

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**Withdrawal as Counsel for the Government of the Union of the Comoros and as
Legal Representative of Victims in Situation ICC-01/13**

Source: **Sir Geoffrey Nice QC**

Document to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Counsel for the Defence

Legal Representatives of Victims

Legal Representatives of the Applicant

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparation**

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims
Ms. Paolina Massidda

**The Office of Public Counsel for the
Defence**

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar

Defence Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with Regulations 78 and 82 of the Regulations of the Court, and Articles 17 and 18 of the Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel, Sir Geoffrey Nice QC hereby notifies the Pre-Trial Chamber of his withdrawal from duties as counsel for the Government of the Union of the Comoros and Legal Representative of Victims in Situation ICC-01/13, and submits this request to withdraw as counsel and update the record.

II. REQUEST TO WITHDRAW

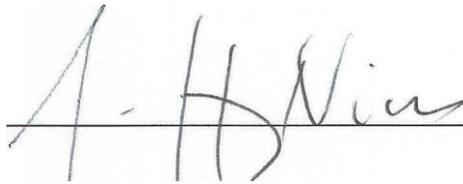
2. Regulation 82 of the Regulations of the Court provides that: *“Prior to withdrawal, legal representatives of victims shall seek the leave of the Chamber.”*
3. Regulation 78 of the Regulation of the Court provides that: *“Prior to withdrawal, defence counsel shall seek the leave of the Chamber.”*
4. This notification and request is made in accordance with Regulation 82 in respect of the representation of victims in ICC-01/13, and in accordance with Regulation 78¹ of the Regulations of the Court (and noting Articles 17 and 18 of the Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel) concerning the withdrawal as counsel for the Government of the Comoros.
5. This notification and request does not otherwise affect the composition of the legal teams representing the Government of the Union of the Comoros, and the victims in ICC-1/13. Rodney Dixon QC remains as counsel for the Government of the Union of the Comoros and as Legal Representative for Victims in ICC-1/13, and the rest of the legal team remains the same.

¹ It is noted that there is no provision that deals with the withdrawal of counsel for a State Party in proceedings before the Court. Regulation 78 of the Regulations of the Court applies to Defence Counsel. This Regulation is cited in this application following communications with the Counsel Support Section who explained that no action could be taken on the notification of withdrawal of counsel without a decision from the Chamber, and made reference to Regulation 78 in this regard.

V. CONCLUSION

6. In light of the above, the undersigned notifies the Chamber of his withdrawal as counsel for the Government of the Union of the Comoros and Legal Representative of Victims, and respectfully requests that the Pre-Trial Chamber grant the request to withdraw.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. H. Nice', written over a horizontal line.

Sir Geoffrey Nice QC

Dated 22 November 2016
London
United Kingdom

² The Victims hereby make the required certification: ICC-01/11-01/11-565 OA6, para.32.