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TRIAL CHAMBER IX

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
Judge Péter Kovács
Judge Raul C. Pangalangan

SITUATION IN UGANDA

IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR v. DOMINIC ONGWEN*

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Victims' Response to the "Defence Request for a Status Conference ICC-02/04-01/15-1264-Red"

Source: Legal Representatives of Victims

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Legal Representatives for Victims (“LRVs”), respectfully request that Trial Chamber IX (“Chamber”) suspend its determination of the Public Redacted Version of “Defence Request for a Status Conference Pursuant to Rules 132(2) and 132 *bis*(4) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence”¹ (“Defence Request”), filed on 29 May 2018, and invite the Defence to submit or disclose further detail on the specific matters they intend to address at the proposed status conference.

II. SUBMISSIONS

2. The Defence states that a status conference is warranted in order to discuss: issues related to the 66 live witnesses it intends to call; the modalities of the appearance of expert witnesses; and the modalities of a medical examination by Chamber appointed experts.²
3. The LRVs put forward that the request for a status conference has not been sufficiently justified from the information provided in the Defence Request. The LRVs agree with the Prosecution that the Defence has failed to clearly elucidate in detail the matters which it intends to discuss at the proposed status conference.³
4. The LRVs note that part of the Defence request has been redacted⁴ and consider that the redacted portion may contain the detailed justifications with which the Defence seek to support their request. However, the LRVs contend that without a more precise description of the matters that the Defence would seek to address through the requested status conference, they would not be in a position to make any meaningful submissions in response to the Defence Request.

¹ ICC-02/04-01/15-1264-Red.

² Paras. 14, 16, and 17, Defence Request.

³ Para. 4, Prosecution’s Response to Defence Request for a Status Conference ICC-02/04-01/15-1264-Red, ICC-02/04-01/15-1265.

⁴ ICC-02/04-01/15-1264-Red, para 15

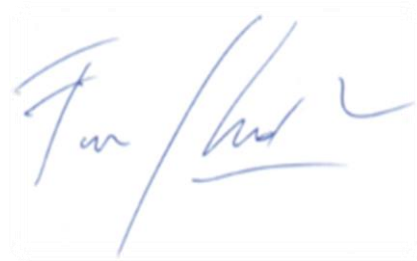
III. RELIEF SOUGHT

5. The LRVs respectfully request the Chamber to suspend its determination of the Defence Request and invite the Defence to provide or disclose the specific matters it would seek to address through the status conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated this 5th day of June 2018

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