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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

**Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza, Presiding
Judge Piotr Hofmański
Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa
Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou
Judge Gocha Lordkipanidze**

SITUATION IN UGANDA

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. DOMINIC ONGWEN

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Decision on the page limit for victims' observations

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

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Mr Joseph Akwenyu Manoba
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REGISTRY

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Mr Peter Lewis

The Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court,

In the appeal of Mr Dominic Ongwen against the decision of Trial Chamber IX entitled “Sentence” of 6 May 2021 (ICC-02/04-01/15-1819-Conf),

Pursuant to article 68(3) of the Statute and regulation 86(8) of the Regulations of the Court,

Renders the following

DECISION

1. Each of the legal representatives of victims may file observations on Mr Dominic Ongwen’s appeal brief against “Sentence” that shall not exceed 50 pages.
2. The Defence and the Prosecutor may respond to the above-mentioned observations in the manner and within the time limit to be set by the Appeals Chamber in due course.

REASONS

1. On 4 February 2021, Trial Chamber IX (hereinafter “Trial Chamber”) convicted Mr Ongwen of crimes against humanity and war crimes (hereinafter “Conviction Decision”).¹
2. On 6 May 2021, the Trial Chamber sentenced Mr Ongwen to 25 years of imprisonment (hereinafter: “Sentencing Decision”).²
3. Following a Defence’s request for an extension of the time limit to file its notice of appeal and appeal brief against the Sentencing Decision,³ which was granted by the

¹ [Trial Judgment](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-1762-Conf (public redacted version notified on the same day, ICC-02/04-01/15-1762-Red).

² [Sentence](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-1819-Conf (public redacted version notified on the same day, ICC-02/04-01/15-1819-Red), pp. 133-138.

³ [Defence Request for an Alteration of the due date for its Notice of Appeal and Document in Support of its Appeal of the Sentence](#), 24 May 2021, ICC-02/04-01/15-1828.

Appeals Chamber,⁴ the Defence filed its notice of appeal on 28 June 2021,⁵ and the appeal brief is due to be filed on 26 August 2021.⁶

4. In line with the approach to victims' participation in final appeals recently adopted in the appeal brought by the Defence against the Conviction Decision,⁷ and considering the issues on appeal, the Appeals Chamber deems it appropriate to allow each group of victims to file observations that shall not exceed 50 pages. The different groups of victims are also encouraged to avoid repetition in the substance of their observations. Finally, the Appeals Chamber will allow the Defence and the Prosecutor to respond to the victims' observations, in the manner and within the time limit to be set by the Appeals Chamber in due course.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza
Presiding

Dated this 20th day of August 2021

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁴ [Decision on the Defence request for extension of time limit for the filing of the notice of appeal and the appeal](#), 2 June 2021, ICC-02/04-01/15-1837 (hereinafter: "Decision on time extension").

⁵ [Defence Notice of Appeal of the Sentencing Decision](#), 28 June 2021, ICC-02/04-01/15-1862.

⁶ [Decision on time extension](#), para. 10.

⁷ [Decision on the modalities of victim participation](#), 11 June 2021, ICC-02/04-01/15-1859 (A).