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## PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Judge CunoTarfusser, Single Judge

## SITUATION IN UGANDA

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

PUBLIC

With 209 Confidential annexes available to the Defence and the Prosecutor

First Transmission to the Defence of redacted versions of 209 applications for participation in the proceedings

Source: Registry

The Office of the Prosecutor **Counsel for the Defence** Ms. Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor Mr. Krispus Ayena Odongo Mr. James Stewart Mr. Benjamin Gumpert Legal Representatives of Victims Legal Representatives of Applicants **Unrepresented Victims Unrepresented Applicants for** Participation/Reparation The Office of Public Counsel for The Office of Public Counsel for the Victims Defence Ms. Paolina Massidda **Amicus Curiae States Representatives** REGISTRY Registrar **Counsel Support Section** Mr. Herman von Hebel **Deputy Registrar** Victims and Witnesses Unit **Detention Section Victims Participation and Reparations** Other Section Ms. Fiona McKay

## The Registrar of the International Criminal Court (the "Court");

**NOTING** the decision of the Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II notified on 4 March 2015, establishing principles on the victims' application process in the pre-trial proceedings in the case *The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen* (the "Case");<sup>1</sup>

**NOTING** the decision of the Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II (the "Single Judge") notified on 3 September 2015 (the "Decision of 3 September 2015"),<sup>2</sup> concerning the procedure for admission of victims to participate in the proceedings in the Case, ordering the Registry to, *inter alia*, assess and transmit to the Chamber, the Prosecutor and to the Defence,<sup>3</sup> by 18 September 2015, all complete victim applications received and collected as of 3 September 2015 which have been assessed by the Registry against the factual parameters of the Case as set out in the warrant of arrest against Dominic Ongwen;<sup>45</sup>

**NOTING** that the Single Judge instructed the Registry in the Decision of 3 September 2015 to transmit the applications to the Defence in redacted form, expunging the applicants' identifying information if the latter have expressed security concerns in case their identity and involvement with the Court were to be known to the Defence;<sup>6</sup>

**NOTING** articles 68(1) and (3) of the Rome Statute, rules 16, 85 and 89 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and regulations 23*bis* and 86(5) of the Regulations of the Court;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>ICC-02/04-01/15-205.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>ICC-02/04-01/15-299.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Redacted, as appropriate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ICC-02/04-01/05-10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ICC-02/04-01/15-299, para. 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ICC-02/04-01/15-299, para. 6

**CONSIDERING** that to date, the Registry has received 905 applications for participation in the proceedings, of which 209 have so far been assessed by the Registry and appear to be complete and linked to the Case;

**CONSIDERING** that at this early stage in the proceedings, and taking into account that some applicants have raised concerns about their security, the Registry recommends that a cautious approach should be taken and that the identities of the applicants not be disclosed to the Defence at this stage, and that therefore all the applications have been redacted only to the extent strictly necessary for non-disclosure of the applicants' identities;<sup>7</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that, pursuant to regulation 23*bis* (1) of the Regulations, the annexes to the present document which contain redacted versions of the 209 applications for participation, are notified with the status "Confidential, available to the Defence and the Prosecutor", in accordance with the Decision of 3 September 2015;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Registry's First Report on applications to participate in the proceedings, dated 18 September 2015, para. 18-20.

**TRANSMITS** to the Defence redacted versions of the 209 applications for participation in the proceedings, in compliance with the Decision of 3 September 2015.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,** 

Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Judicial Services

*per* delegation of Herman von Hebel, Registrar

Dated this 18 September 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands