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APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza, Presiding Judge
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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**Victims' Response to the Prosecutor's request for extension of time limit for filing
her response to the Defence appeal brief**

Source: Legal Representatives of Victims

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Legal Representatives for Victims (“LRVs”) support the Prosecutor request for extension of time to file her response to the appeal brief (“Prosecution Request”).¹ The LRVs request that the same extension of time is also applied to their response to the Defence appeal brief.
2. The Defence has identified 90 grounds of appeal against the Conviction Decision and was granted a page extension of 150 additional pages, with the result that their appeal brief will be 250 pages long in total.² Taking into account these two factors, the LRVs submit that a limited extension of the deadline to file responses to the defence appeal brief is warranted in these circumstances.
3. As such, the LRVs support the Prosecution request to extend the deadline for responses by 30 days.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

4. On 27 May 2021, the Defence requested the Appeals Chamber to grant a page limit extension from 100 pages to 600 pages for its document in support of the appeal.³
5. On 28 May 2021, the Appeals Chamber issued its ‘Order concerning the time limit for responses to the Defence request for a page limit extension for its appeal brief,’ stating that the Prosecutor and participating victims could respond to the Defence Request by 16h00 on Wednesday, 2 June 2021.⁴
6. The LRVs, Prosecution and the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (“OPCV”) all opposed the ‘Defence Request for for a Page Limit Extension for its Document in

¹ ICC-02/04-01/15-1836.

² ICC-02/04-01/15-1850.

³ ICC-02/04-01/15-1832.

⁴ ICC-02/04-01/15-1833.

Support of its Appeal against the Trial Judgment.’⁵

7. On 8 June 2021, the Appeals Chamber issued its ‘ Decision on Defence request for a page limit extension for its appeal brief and order setting time limit for responses to the Prosecutor request for extension of time to file her response to the appeal brief’⁶, extending the page limit for Mr Ongwen’s appeal brief by 150 pages to a total of 250 pages; extending the page limit for the Prosecutor’s response to the appeal brief by 150 pages to 250 pages; and requesting any responses to the Prosecutor’s request for an extension of the time limit to file her response to the appeal brief by 16h00 on Friday, 11 June 2021.

III. SUBMISSIONS

8. The LRVs support the Prosecution Request for an extension of time to file its response to the Defence appeal brief, namely, an extension of 30 days under regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”).
9. Given the length of the Defence appeal brief, coupled with the fact that the Defence has identified 90 grounds of appeal, the LRVs submit that such an extension of time is acceptable in the circumstances.
10. The LRVs request that the same extension of time is also applied to their response to the Defence appeal brief.

IV. RELIEF SOUGHT

11. The LRVs support the Prosecution Request for an extension of time to file its response to the Defence appeal brief and request that the same extension of time is also applied to their response to the Defence appeal brief.

⁵ ICC-02/04-01/15-1836, ICC-02/04-01/15-1839, ICC-02/04-01/15-1838.

⁶ ICC-02/04-01/15-1850.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Manoba', written in a cursive style.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Francisco Cox', written in a cursive style.

Francisco Cox

Dated this 11th day of June 2021
At Kampala, Uganda and at Santiago, Chile