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IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. BOSCO NTAGANDA

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Second Transmission to the Defence of 50 Redacted Victim Dossiers pursuant to Trial Chamber II's Decision ICC-01/04-02/06-2794

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I. Introduction

1. On 25 November 2022, Trial Chamber II ("Chamber") issued a decision approving a sample of 173 victims' dossiers previously assembled by the Victims Participation and Reparations Section ("VPRS").¹ In that Decision, the Chamber further instructed the Registry, through the VPRS, to implement redactions to the victims' dossiers and transmit them to the Defence.²

II. Procedural History

- 2. On 25 October 2022, the Chamber issued its "Order for the implementation of the Judgment on the appeals against the decision of Trial Chamber VI of 8 March 2021 entitled 'Reparations Order'''³ ("Order"), in which it ordered *inter alia* the Registry to submit to the Chamber a list of individuals to be included in a sample of victim applications to be assessed and ruled upon by the Chamber ("Sample").⁴
- 3. On 8 November 2022, the Registry submitted to the Chamber a list of 173 victim's dossiers, compiled in compliance with the Order, as well as a table containing details extracted from the aforementioned victims' dossiers.⁵

¹ Trial Chamber II, "Decision on the Registry submission in compliance with the "Order for the implementation of the Judgment on the appeals against the decision of Trial Chamber VI of 8 March 2021 entitled 'Reparations Order'", 25 November 2022, <u>ICC-01/04-02/06-2794</u>, Disposition, p. 23. The Registry notes that in the "Decision on the Trust Fund for Victims' submission of information on certain victims selected in Trial Chamber II's approved sample" issued on 9 January 2023 (ICC-01/04-02/06-2808, p. 8), the Chamber excluded victims a/30383/15, a/30453/15 and a/00707/13 from the sample of victims to be assessed and ruled upon by the Chamber. Those dossiers have thus been excluded from the VPRS' transmissions to the Defence of the redacted version of the victims' dossiers.

² Decision, para. 34(d) and Disposition, p. 23. The Registry notes that the Chamber instructed it to transmit the redacted versions of the victims' dossiers on a rolling basis and at the latest within thirty days from the date it receives the information from the relevant Common Legal Representatives of the victims about the victims' consent for their identities to be transmitted to the Defence.

³ Trial Chamber II, "Order for the implementation of the Judgment on the appeals against the decision of Trial Chamber VI of 8 March 2021 entitled 'Reparations Order'", 25 October 2022, <u>ICC-01/04-02/06-2786</u>.

⁴ Order, para. 34 and Disposition, p. 21.

⁵ Registry, "Registry submission in compliance with the "Order for the implementation of the Judgment on the appeals against the decision of Trial Chamber VI of 8 March 2021 entitled 'Reparations Order'" (ICC-01/04-02/06-2786)", 8 November 2022, ICC-01/04-02/06-2788.

- 4. On 25 November 2022, the Chamber issued the Decision in which it approved the Sample and instructed *inter alia* the VPRS to transmit the unredacted dossiers of the victims included in the Sample to the Chamber and the common legal representatives of Victims ("CLR(s)")⁶ by 28 November 2022.⁷ The Decision further instructed the CLRs to (1) contact the victims they represent or assist and consult with them as to whether they consent to their identities being disclosed to the Defence, and (2) inform the Defence and the VPRS about the victims' consent, on a rolling basis and within thirty days from the notification of the Decision.⁸ Finally, the Chamber instructed the VPRS to redact the victims' dossiers accordingly, and transmit the redacted victims' dossiers to the Defence, on a rolling basis and within thirty days from the date it receives from the CLRs information about the victims' consent.⁹
- On 28 November 2022, the Registry transmitted the 173 unredacted victims' dossiers to the Chamber and the CLRs.¹⁰
- 6. On 21 December 2022, CLR2 informed the VPRS that none of the 50 victims of victims of the attacks whose dossiers are transmitted with the present filing consented to disclose their identities to the Defence.¹¹ The VPRS proceeded thereon to redact the respective victims' dossiers, in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Order,¹² and in consultation with the CLR.¹³

⁶ Ms Sarah Pellet represents the group of the "victims of crimes against child soldiers" ("CLR1") and Mr Dmytro Suprun represents the group of "victims of the attacks" ("CLR2").

⁷ Decision, para. 34(a) and Disposition, p. 23.

⁸ Decision, paras 34(b) and (c) and Disposition, p. 23

⁹ Decision, para 34(d) and Disposition, p. 23.

¹⁰ Registry, "Registry Transmission of 173 Unredacted Victims' Dossiers to the Chamber and the Legal Representatives of Victims", 28 November 2022, <u>ICC-01/04-02/06-2795</u>.

¹¹ Email from CLR2 to the VPRS, 21 December 2022, at 08:13.

¹² Order, paras. 35-36; and Decision, paras. 29-30.

¹³ For this purpose, the VPRS initiated the consultation by transmitting proposed redactions to CLR2 (emails from VPRS to CLR2, 11 January 2023 at 12:33, and 18 January 2023 at 18:52), who promptly provided his feedback (emails from CLR2 to VPRS, 16 January 2023 at 12:34, and 19 January 2023 at 08:11). Thereafter, the VPRS proceeded to apply the redactions to the respective victims' dossiers following the CLR's instructions.

 On 11 January, the Registry transmitted a first batch of 28 redacted victims' dossiers to the Defence and the respective CLRs.¹⁴

III. Classification

8. Pursuant to regulation 23*bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court, the annexes to this document are classified confidential *ex parte*, only available to the Defence and CLR2, in accordance with the Decision.

IV. Applicable Law

9. The present transmission is submitted in accordance with the Decision.

V. Transmission

10. The Registry hereby transmits a second batch of 50 redacted victims' dossiers¹⁵ to the Defence and CLR2.¹⁶

Marc Dubuisson Director Division of Judicial Services on behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 20 January 2023

At The Hague, the Netherlands.

¹⁴ Registry, "First Transmission to the Defence of 28 Redacted Victim Dossiers pursuant to Trial Chamber II Decision ICC-01/04-02/06-2794", 11 January 2023, <u>ICC-01/04-02/06-2809</u> ("First transmission"). The Registry notes that this transmission followed a consultation with the respective CLRs on the relevant victims' dossiers, referred to in para. 6 of the First Transmission.

¹⁵ Because they contain both an application for participation and a consultation form, 8 dossiers are transmitted in two separate and consecutive annexes (a/00795/13, a/00811/13, a/00824/13, a/00891/13, a/01678/13, a/01720/13, a/30275/15, a/30282/15). This explains the disparity between the overall number of victim dossiers vs. the number of annexes to the present filing.

¹⁶ The Registry notes that the remaining redacted victims' dossiers forming part of the Sample will be transmitted to the Defence and the respective CLR on a rolling basis, in conformity with para. 34(d) and p. 23 of the Decision.