

**Witness Statement of OKELLO P'atwoga**

**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

**DEFENCE FOR DOMINIC ONGWEN**

WITNESS STATEMENT PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRIAL IN THE

CASE OF

*THE PROSECUTOR v DOMINIC ONGWEN*

Last Name(s): OKELLO

Gender: Male

First Name(s): P'Atwoga

Father's Name: LAGENG Pyerino

Other Names Used: "Atwoga"

Mother's Name: ACOLA Julayina

Place of Birth: Onyinya in Alero Sub County

Marital Status: Married

Date of birth/Age: 26 September 1957

Spouse: AUMA Rose

AUMA Rose and

ABUR Bilentina

Nationality: Ugandan

Place of Residence: 

Children: Nine children

Ethnic Origin/ Tribe: Ayom

Religion: Catholic

Language(s) spoken: Acholi, English

Language(s) written (if different from spoken):

Language(s) used in interview: English and Acholi

Language of statement: English

Proposed language of testimony: Acholi or English

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Current occupation: Retired Teacher

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Former occupation: Teacher

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Place of Interview: [REDACTED] Uganda

Date(s) of interview: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

Start of Interview: 13h42

End of Interview: 14h11

Name of individual(s) conducting the interview:

1. Thomas Obhof, *Assistant to Counsel*

2. [REDACTED] *Case Manager*

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Names of all persons present during interview: (*witness, counsel, investigator, interpreter, legal assistant etc*):

1. Thomas Obhof, *Assistant to Counsel*

2. [REDACTED] *Case Manager*

3. Okello P'Atwoga, *Witness*

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### WITNESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT


This statement consisting of five (5) pages and an annex is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have given this statement voluntarily and I have not been influenced by any coercion, duress or threat.

I am aware that this statement may be used in legal proceedings before the International Criminal Court (the "ICC"). I understand that if I have knowingly provided false information, I may be liable to prosecution for false testimony under solemn declaration.

I have been informed by the interviewers about the procedures available to the ICC of ensuring the protection of confidential information provided to the Court. I have also been briefed about the procedures that may be available to ensure my own protection and security.

I have been informed that I may be called to testify in public before the ICC. I have also been informed that the ICC may exceptionally order protective measures on my behalf, provided such protection is required. Those interviewing me have also explained that even with protective measures, my identity will be disclosed to the Court and the parties. With knowledge of the above, I agree to testify and appear before the ICC if called to do so.

Print name: Okello P'Atwoga

Signed: 

Date: 4 December 2015

1 **Witness Statement of P' ATWOGA Okello**

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- 3 1. My name is P' ATWOGA Okello. I live in [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED] I was born on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1957 from Onyinya in Alero Sub
- 5 County.
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- 7 2. I have 9 biological children, but I have other children left behind by my
- 8 brothers who died during this war. In total now, I have 21 children, whom
- 9 I am taking care of.
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- 11 3. I am married to three woman, two of them share the name of Auma Rose.
- 12 One is from Lamogi and the other is from Koro. My third wife is called
- 13 ABUR Bilentina.
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- 15 4. I trained to be a teacher from Gulu Primary Teachers' College (PTC).
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- 17 5. I started teaching in 1985 from Leb Ngec Displaced School in our home area.
- 18 From 1987 – 1998 I was teaching at Alero Primary School.
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20 **ABDUCTION OF DOMINIC ONGWEN.**

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- 22 6. I know Dominic Ongwen. He was my pupil in Alero Primary School. I also
- 23 learnt some 25 years ago that he is my nephew because his grandmother is
- 24 my Aunt. I remember him so vividly because I taught local cultural dance,
- 25 and Ongwen was a very active student. He enjoyed my class, and other
- 26 areas of the arts.
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- 28 7. Ongwen was abducted on his way from his home in Coorom to Alero
- 29 Primary School. He was abducted together with his comrades Opiyo Olal

1 and one David, whose other name I have forgotten. We learnt of this when  
2 news reached school that three of our children have been abducted.

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4 8. When Ongwen was abducted, he was about 10, maybe 11 years old and was  
5 in primary three class. That was the average age of that class around 1987,  
6 owing to the general insecurity that made children begin school late.  
7 Ongwen was also staying in a very remote place so he needed to travel long  
8 distance in order to access school.

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10 9. The father of Ongwen, the late Opobo, was my nephew, hence Mr. Ongwen  
11 is traditionally my nephew too. I learnt this later when Ongwen was already  
12 in captivity. I learned this some twenty years ago when Ongwen's  
13 grandmother, Anna, visited her maiden home, which is our home.

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15 10. Ongwen's other teachers were the late Opiro Lutany Isaac, who was the  
16 head teacher, the late Olok Labite, who was the class teacher of Ongwen  
17 and Romano Achayus Odoch Jimmy still alive.

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20 Name: Okello P'Atwoga

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22 Signature:



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24 Date: 4 December 2015

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