- 1 International Criminal Court
- 2 Trial Chamber I
- 3 Situation: Darfur, Sudan
- 4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman
- 5 ("Ali Kushayb") ICC-02/05-01/20
- 6 Presiding Judge Joanna Korner, Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou and
- 7 Judge Althea Violet Alexis-Windsor
- 8 Status Conference Courtroom 2
- 9 Wednesday, 14 February 2024
- 10 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.31 a.m.)
- 11 THE COURT USHER: [9:31:52] All rise.
- 12 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
- 13 Please be seated.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:32:17] Yes. Good morning, everybody.
- 15 I suppose, as we haven't sat for so long, we'd better call the case.
- 16 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:32:25] Good morning, Madam President, your Honours.
- 17 This is the situation in Darfur, Sudan, in the case of The Prosecutor versus Ali
- 18 Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman, case reference ICC-02/05-01/20.
- 19 And for the record, we're in open session.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:32:42] Yes.
- 21 As we're technically in the Defence case, let's start with the Defence appearances.
- 22 MR LAUCCI: [9:32:50](Interpretation) With pleasure, your Honour.
- 23 Your Honours, for Mr Abd-Al-Rahman, present in the courtroom today,
- 24 Nina Guilloux and Mr Ahmad Issa, legal assistant; Audrey Mateo, legal adviser. In
- 25 video link with us we have my colleague Iain Edwards. And myself, Cyril Laucci,

- 1 counsel.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:18] I see, Mr Edwards, you've managed to find
- 3 your bands, if nothing else.
- 4 Yes, thank you.
- 5 MR EDWARDS: [9:33:26] I have always got a couple there.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:28] Yes, could we have the appearances of
- 7 the Prosecution, please.
- 8 MR NICHOLLS: [9:33:32] Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,
- 9 your Honours. Good morning to everybody in the courtroom and Mr Edwards
- 10 remotely.
- 11 Julian Nicholls with Laura Morris, Edward Jeremy, Claire Sabatini, Alison Whitford
- 12 and Rachel Mazzarella. Thank you very much.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:50] That's a very large team for a very short
- 14 hearing, Mr Nicholls.
- 15 MR NICHOLLS: [9:33:54] Well, we're not getting to come very often, so.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:57] That's true.
- 17 Yes, thank you.
- 18 And the representatives of the victims, please.
- 19 MR SHAH: [9:34:02] Yes. Good morning, Madam President, your Honours.
- 20 Good morning to everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 21 For the participating victims, the legal representative, Natalie von Wistinghausen,
- 22 appearing remotely. Our visiting professional, Charlotte Imhof; and myself,
- 23 Anand Shah. Thank you.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:34:22] Yes, all right.
- Well, as everybody knows, we're here as a result of, effectively, communications from

- the Defence and from the Registry about the position of Witness D-35.
- 2 I think we'd probably better go into private session, please.
- 3 (Private session at 9.35 a.m.)
- 4 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:35:01] We're in private session, Madam President.
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