

1 International Criminal Court
2 Trial Chamber IV
3 Situation: Darfur, Sudan
4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain - ICC-02/05-03/09
5 Presiding Judge Kimberly Prost, Judge Robert Fremr and Judge Reine
6 Alapini-Gansou
7 Status Conference - Courtroom 1
8 Wednesday, 30 October 2019
9 (The hearing starts in open session at 10.00 a.m.)
10 THE COURT USHER: [10:00:50] All rise.
11 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
12 Please be seated.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE PROST: [10:01:08] Good morning, everyone. Court officer, for
14 the record, could you please call the case.
15 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:01:17] Good morning, Madam President, your Honours.
16 Situation in Darfur, Sudan, in the case of The Prosecutor versus Abdallah Banda
17 Abakaer Nourain, case reference ICC-02/05-03/09. And for the record, we are in
18 open session.
19 PRESIDING JUDGE PROST: [10:01:36] Thank you very much.
20 Welcome to everyone this morning. We'll begin with the appearances, starting with
21 the Prosecution.
22 Mr Nicholls, could you introduce your team.
23 MR NICHOLLS: [10:01:47] Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,
24 your Honours. Good morning to everybody in the courtroom. My name is Julian
25 Nicholls. I'm here with Edward Jeremy, trial lawyer on the case, and our case

1 Manager, Biljana Popova. Thank you.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE PROST: [10:02:00] Thank you, Mr Nicholls. Mr Taku.

3 MR TAKU: [10:02:04] May it please the Court, I am Chief Charles Achaleke Taku,
4 counsel for Mr Banda.

5 PRESIDING JUDGE PROST: [10:02:12] Thank you very much.

6 And appearances for the Registry, please, Mr Dubuisson.

7 MR DUBUISSON: [10:02:18](Interpretation) Thank you very much.

8 Good morning, Madam President, your Honours. By my side we have Bibiana
9 Becerra Suarez, judicial coordinator; we have Anne Aurore Bertrand, a jurist and
10 external relations officer; and Marie Mathiaud, within the registry; myself, Marc
11 Dubuisson, Director of Division of Judicial Services on behalf of Peter Lewis, the
12 Registrar.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE PROST: [10:02:50] (Interpretation) Thank you very much.
14 (Speaks English) Now, while we are in public session, I will briefly address the
15 purpose of this status conference.

16 I note at the outset that the warrant of arrest against Mr Banda was issued on 11
17 September 2014. It was confirmed by the Appeals Chamber on 3 March 2015. It
18 has yet to be implemented.

19 As indicated in the scheduling order, today's status conference has been convened to
20 discuss the status of the case and the way forward to ensure Mr Banda's appearance
21 for trial.

22 And given the nature of the discussions, court officer, I would now like to move into
23 private session.

24 (Private session at 10.03 a.m.)

25 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:03:32] We are in private session, Madam President.

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(Open session at 11.14 a.m.)

- 1 THE COURT OFFICER: [11:15:09] We are in open session, Madam President.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE PROST: [11:15:11] Thank you, court officer.
- 3 So the Chamber has received submissions from the parties, the Registry, and we will
- 4 take those into consideration, and in due course provide further direction in this
- 5 matter.
- 6 This status conference is concluded. Thank you.
- 7 THE COURT USHER: [11:15:27] All rise.
- 8 (The hearing ends in open session at 11.15 a.m.)