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**Before: Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou**

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**IN THE CASE OF  
*THE PROSECUTOR v. PAUL GICHERU***

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Mr. Paul Gicheru, through his Counsel (“the Defence”), hereby presents his Written Submissions on the Confirmation of Charges. The submissions and Annexes A-D are filed confidentially per Regulation 23*bis*(1) since they contain confidential material.

## I. OVERVIEW

1. The Office of the Prosecutor’s (“OTP”) Document Containing the Charges (“DCC”) is an alluring house of cards. Flawed, flimsy, and fallacious, all assertions and arguments collapse when the evidence is diligently scrutinized and weighed in context against the deficiencies of the OTP’s witness statements and testimony – individually and collectively. It does not meet the standard of proof.
2. The OTP cherry-picks the evidence, artfully ignoring inconsistencies, improbabilities, contradictions, lack of corroborations, compartmentalizing and presenting it out of context and devoid of relevant evidence.
3. The OTP absurdly claims that the Chamber should ignore the quality of the evidence and essentially make findings and conclusions on the quantity of evidence. Nonsense.
4. Scrupulously considering the evidence claimed by the OTP to demonstrate that Mr. Gicheru, a Kikuyu, was part of a common plan with [REDACTED]<sup>1</sup> to identify, locate, contact, and corruptly influence OTP witnesses to induce them to withdraw from the ICC, the Defence submits:
  - a. The OTP offers no evidence that Mr. Gicheru was “associated with and/or [a] supporter[] of RUTO at the relevant times.”
  - b. [REDACTED]<sup>2</sup> [REDACTED].
  - c. The OTP offers conjectures that the so-called “managers” (Silas SIMATWO, MP Elisha BUSIENEI, and Isaac MAIYO) and others (J.N. NJUGUNA, Arap MITEI, Gregory MUTAI, another unidentified NJUGUNA, and someone by the name of KOGO, alleged to have been Mr. Gicheru’s bodyguard) were members of or acted pursuant to the alleged common plan, without showing that it made any attempt to contact these individuals.
  - d. The OTP offers hearsay evidence of unavailable witnesses in prior recorded statements which, although they may be admitted even if portions go to the acts and conduct of Mr.

<sup>1</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-2640-R01](#); KEN-OTP-0080-1255; KEN-OTP-0080-1260; KEN-OTP-0087-1274, p. 1277.

<sup>2</sup> [KEN-OTP-0160-0043](#) at 1404-5 [REDACTED], 2870-1 [REDACTED], and 4265-6 [REDACTED].

Gicheru, do not afford Mr. Gicheru full enjoyment of his fair trial right of confrontation and denies the Chamber the opportunity to meaningfully assess the value of these witnesses' evidence.

- e. The OTP offers impeached witnesses found to have been incapable of belief by the *Ruto and Sang* Trial Chamber or whose evidence was disregarded by the *Ruto and Sang* Trial Chamber, presumably because it found the evidence to be unreliable, not meriting consideration.
- f. The OTP offers contradictory and inconsistent evidence from unreliable witnesses who frequently contacted each other and schemed together on how to secure benefits from the ICC (*see* Annex C). [REDACTED]. The OTP claims that these witnesses corroborate each other yet provides no substantiation and no independent indicia of reliability for virtually all of this evidence. Furthermore, the OTP, knowing the unreliability of these witnesses, makes no attempt to verify the veracity of their evidence.
- g. The OTP offers no explanation as to why an *amicus* prosecutor was not appointed as requested by Prosecutor-elect Mr. Karim KHAN Q.C. when acting as RUTO's lawyer, based on his knowledge and good faith belief as an officer of the court<sup>3</sup> that "*ICC staff members may have: (i) engaged in sexual relations with the witnesses and their families; (ii) been bribed by witnesses; and (iii) were party to the submission of false financial claims, breaches of VWU protocol by witnesses, and obtaining pecuniary benefit from the false financial claims.*"<sup>4</sup>
- h. [REDACTED]<sup>5</sup> [REDACTED].

## II. STANDARD OF PROOF

5. The evidentiary standard of proof is "substantial grounds to believe" through "the presentation of concrete and tangible evidence demonstrating a clear line of reasoning underpinning the Prosecution's specific allegations."<sup>6</sup> In determining whether the evidence is "sufficiently strong" to warrant a trial,<sup>7</sup> it is the *quality* of the evidence – not the quantity

<sup>3</sup> [ICC Code of Conduct for Counsel](#), Art. 24. *See also* [UK Bar Standards Board Handbook](#), Rules C3(1) and C6(1)(a).

<sup>4</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-2028](#), para. 2.

<sup>5</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-373](#).

<sup>6</sup> [DCC](#), para. 11 citing to [ICC-01/04-01/06-803](#), paras. 37, 39.

<sup>7</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 11-2. *See also* [ICC-01/04-01/06-803](#), para. 39.

– that is essential for the Chamber’s determination.<sup>8</sup> The probative value of each piece of evidence must be assessed individually and holistically, considering: (a) the nature of the evidence; (b) its reliability and credibility; (c) its source and the context in which it was obtained; and (d) the nexus to the charges or suspect.<sup>9</sup> Indicia of reliability such as voluntariness, truthfulness, and trustworthiness must also be considered.<sup>10</sup>

6. In determining whether the OTP has presented “sufficiently compelling charges going beyond mere theory or suspicion,”<sup>11</sup> the Chamber is “clearly require[d] ... to go beyond looking at the Prosecutor’s allegations ‘on their face’ as is done in confirming an indictment at the ICTY or ICTR.”<sup>12</sup> It *must* assess the evidence as “[a]ny other interpretation would carry the risk of cases proceeding to trial although the evidence is so riddled with ambiguities, inconsistencies, contradictions or doubts as to credibility that it is insufficient to establish substantial grounds to believe the person committed the crimes charged.”<sup>13</sup>
7. In urging the Chamber to assess each witness statement individually and to rely only on certain portions while rejecting others,<sup>14</sup> the OTP – beyond cavil – concedes that: (a) a qualitative analysis is required; and (b) having qualitatively analyzed their evidence, certain witnesses should not be relied on unless corroborated by other evidence.<sup>15</sup> Indeed, “there may be witnesses whose credibility is impugned to such an extent that he or she cannot be relied upon even if other evidence appears to corroborate his or her testimony.”<sup>16</sup>
8. The Chamber should reject uncorroborated evidence.<sup>17</sup> Hearsay evidence “is of low probative value” and should not be used to prove allegations to the standard of substantial grounds to believe unless corroborated by other evidence.<sup>18</sup> Anonymous hearsay evidence should only be relied on to the extent it corroborates other evidence or is corroborated by other evidence.<sup>19</sup> And the evidence of a witness whose credibility the Chamber has reservations should only be relied on to the extent that it is corroborated by other evidence.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>8</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-373](#), para. 68.

<sup>9</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-373](#), para. 68.

<sup>10</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-373](#), para. 68.

<sup>11</sup> [ICC-01/04-01/06-803](#), para. 39.

<sup>12</sup> [ICC-01/04-01/10-514](#), para. 43.

<sup>13</sup> [ICC-01/04-01/10-514](#), para. 46. *Contra* [DCC](#), para. 12.

<sup>14</sup> [DCC](#), para. 13.

<sup>15</sup> [DCC](#), para. 13, fn. 26.

<sup>16</sup> [ICC-01/04-02/12-271](#), para. 168. *Contra* [DCC](#), para. 13, citing [ICC-01/05-01/13-1989](#), para. 220.

<sup>17</sup> [DCC](#), para. 12, citing Rule 63(4) of the [Rules of Procedure and Evidence](#), [Bagosora Decision](#), p. 10; [Rwamakuba Decision](#), p. 13.

<sup>18</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-373](#), para. 75.

<sup>19</sup> [ICC-01/04-01/07-717](#), para. 140.

<sup>20</sup> [ICC-01/05-01/13-1989](#), para. 204; *See also* [ICC-01/09-02/11-382](#), para. 92.

9. “Inconsistencies, contradictions and inaccuracies, if present, are equally important when assessing the reliability of a witness’s statement,” and while they do not automatically render a witness’s evidence unreliable in its entirety, they “may in fact speak in favour of the truthfulness of the witness’s account.”<sup>21</sup> Also, “inconsistencies in a piece of evidence might be so significant as to bar the Chamber from using it to prove a specific issue.”<sup>22</sup> Corruptly influenced witnesses are presumptively, if not irreparably, unreliable.<sup>23</sup> The Chamber *can* and *should* evaluate their credibility, even without their in-person testimony.<sup>24</sup>
10. In determining whether the evidence is sufficient to warrant a trial, the Chamber must also be mindful of the No Case to Answer standard – “*whether there is evidence on which a reasonable Trial Chamber could convict*”<sup>25</sup> – a hurdle the OTP must meet at the close of its evidence at trial. The Trial Chamber’s systematic arrangement with the Pre-Trial Chamber is such that each entails an evaluation of credibility and reliability within its respective remit, with the Trial Chamber inquiring at the close of the OTP case: “*did the case for the prosecution remain as strong as the Pre-Trial Chamber had found it to be when the charges were confirmed?*”<sup>26</sup> If *prima facie* the evidence seems insufficient to meet the No Case to Answer standard, it axiomatically is insufficient for confirmation.
11. Pre-Trial Chambers engage in a “qualitative assessment” of each piece of evidence, no less so than Trial Chambers when determining whether a trial on confirmed charges should continue after the OTP’s case.<sup>27</sup> While the two procedures differ in nature – in that the OTP presents the entirety of its case and the evidentiary threshold is higher at the No Case to Answer stage<sup>28</sup> – they serve the same purpose in discontinuing proceedings “the moment that it has become evident that no finding of guilt beyond all reasonable doubt can follow.”<sup>29</sup>
12. For the confirmation process to have any meaning, “the Pre-Trial Chamber must ... evaluate the contested evidence and resolve ambiguities, contradictions, inconsistencies or doubts as to credibility introduced by the contestation of the evidence.”<sup>30</sup> Thus, a qualitative analysis of the evidence is required to ensure that Mr. Gicheru is not put through the meatgrinder of a trial on unfounded charges only to result in a judgment of acquittal – i.e., the evidence

<sup>21</sup> [ICC-01/05-01/13-1989](#), para. 204.

<sup>22</sup> [ICC-01/09-02/11-382](#), para. 92.

<sup>23</sup> *Contra* [DCC](#), para. 13.

<sup>24</sup> [ICC-01/04-01/10-514](#), para. 44.

<sup>25</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-1334](#), para. 23 (emphasis added).

<sup>26</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-2027](#) (Reasons of Judge Eboe-Osuji), paras. 121-2 (emphasis added).

<sup>27</sup> *Id.*, para. 121.

<sup>28</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-1334](#), para. 14.

<sup>29</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-2027](#) (Reasons of Judge Fremr), paras. 19, 20; (Reasons of Judge Eboe-Osuji), para. 124; [ICC-01/04-01/06-803](#), para. 39.

<sup>30</sup> [ICC-01/04-01/10-514](#), para. 40.

taken as a whole is so unsatisfactory and so unreliable that the Trial Chamber would not convict based on that evidence.<sup>31</sup>

### III. DRAMATIS PERSONAE

#### **[REDACTED] (P-564)**

13. [REDACTED]<sup>32</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>33</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>34</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>35</sup>
14. [REDACTED]<sup>36</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>37</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>38</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>39</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>40</sup>
15. [REDACTED];<sup>41</sup> [REDACTED];<sup>42</sup> [REDACTED];<sup>43</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>44</sup> [REDACTED];<sup>45</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>46</sup>
16. [REDACTED]<sup>47</sup> [REDACTED]:
  - a. [REDACTED]<sup>48</sup>
  - b. [REDACTED].<sup>49</sup>
  - c. [REDACTED].<sup>50</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>51</sup>
  - d. [REDACTED]<sup>52</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>53</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>54</sup>
  - e. [REDACTED].<sup>55</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> [ICC-01/04-01/06-803](#), paras. 37-9. *Contra* [DCC](#), para. 12.

<sup>32</sup> [KEN-OTP-0096-0104](#).

<sup>33</sup> [KEN-OTP-0115-0289](#).

<sup>34</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#).

<sup>35</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0248](#).

<sup>36</sup> [KEN-OTP-0096-0104](#), para. 47.

<sup>37</sup> [DCC](#), para. 42(a).

<sup>38</sup> [KEN-OTP-0096-0104](#), paras. 52, 55.

<sup>39</sup> [KEN-OTP-0096-0104](#), para. 54.

<sup>40</sup> [KEN-OTP-0115-0289](#) at 374-422.

<sup>41</sup> [DCC](#), para. 74.

<sup>42</sup> [DCC](#), para. 105.

<sup>43</sup> [DCC](#), para. 137.

<sup>44</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 143, 150.

<sup>45</sup> [DCC](#), para. 178.

<sup>46</sup> [DCC](#), para. 264.

<sup>47</sup> [KEN-OTP-0096-0104](#), paras. 49-50. *See also* [KEN-OTP-0082-0260](#).

<sup>48</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-2218-R01](#).

<sup>49</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-2640-R01](#).

<sup>50</sup> [KEN-OTP-0094-0002-R01](#).

<sup>51</sup> [KEN-OTP-0094-0002-R01](#).

<sup>52</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-3191-R01](#), paras. 5-6.

<sup>53</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-3191-R01](#), para. 8.

<sup>54</sup> [KEN-OTP-0106-0248-R01](#).

<sup>55</sup> [KEN-OTP-0097-0408](#), paras. 11-29.

<sup>56</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/20-119](#), para. 6.

f. [REDACTED].<sup>57</sup>

g. [REDACTED].<sup>58</sup>

17. [REDACTED].<sup>59</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>60</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>61</sup>

18. [REDACTED].<sup>62</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>63</sup> [REDACTED].

**[REDACTED] (P-579)**

19. [REDACTED].<sup>64</sup>

20. P-579 is claimed by the OTP to have been a human rights worker for the Kalenjin Youth alliance and the uncle of [REDACTED].<sup>65</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>66</sup> but never provided a statement.

21. The OTP claims that P-579 along with Mr. Gicheru corruptly influenced P-397,<sup>67</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>68</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>69</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>70</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>71</sup> [REDACTED].

22. [REDACTED]<sup>72</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>73</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>74</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>75</sup> [REDACTED].

23. [REDACTED].<sup>76</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>77</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>78</sup>

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<sup>57</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0205](#), paras. 29-33.

<sup>58</sup> [KEN-OTP-0141-0636](#).

<sup>59</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#) at 417-28.

<sup>60</sup> [KEN-OTP-0115-0289](#) at 351-422.

<sup>61</sup> [KEN-OTP-0115-0289](#) at 794-808.

<sup>62</sup> [KEN-OTP-0115-0289](#).

<sup>63</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0248](#) at 269-86.

<sup>64</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#).

<sup>65</sup> [DCC](#), para. 42(b).

<sup>66</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1071](#); [KEN-OTP-0107-0291](#).

<sup>67</sup> [DCC](#), para. 72.

<sup>68</sup> [DCC](#), para. 103.

<sup>69</sup> [DCC](#), para. 133.

<sup>70</sup> [DCC](#), para. 175.

<sup>71</sup> [DCC](#), para. 209.

<sup>72</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1071](#).

<sup>73</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1071](#).

<sup>74</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1071](#).

<sup>75</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1071](#).

<sup>76</sup> [KEN-OTP-0107-0291](#).

<sup>77</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1071](#).

<sup>78</sup> [KEN-OTP-0107-0291](#).



24. P-579 is not the unidentified speaker that told [REDACTED] that Mr. Gicheru paid or was negotiating payments with [REDACTED]<sup>79</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>80</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>81</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>82</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>83</sup> [REDACTED].

25. Many of P-579's telephone conversations with [REDACTED] are unrecorded.<sup>84</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>85</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>86</sup>

**[REDACTED] (P-540)**

26. P-540 was tape-recorded by [REDACTED]<sup>87</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>88</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>89</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>90</sup> and was interviewed by [REDACTED].<sup>91</sup>

27. [REDACTED],<sup>92</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>93</sup>

28. The OTP claims that P-540 along with Mr. Gicheru corruptly influenced [REDACTED]<sup>94</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>95</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>96</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>97</sup>

29. [REDACTED]<sup>98</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>99</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>100</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>101</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>102</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>103</sup> There is no evidence that P-540 met with Mr. Gicheru. There is no evidence that [REDACTED] contacted Mr. Gicheru, attempted to contact Mr. Gicheru, or

<sup>79</sup> [DCC](#), para. 144, citing [KEN-OTP-0111-0162](#), para. 36.

<sup>80</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0162](#), para. 36.

<sup>81</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#) at 731-6.

<sup>82</sup> [DCC](#), para. 143, fn. 345, citing [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#), pp. 1950-1.

<sup>83</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#) at 600.

<sup>84</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), paras. 16, 21; [KEN-OTP-0111-0162](#), paras. 22, 46, 48; [KEN-OTP-0111-0557](#), paras. 31, 44, 45.

<sup>85</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#) at 880, 883, 885, 889, 895, 898, 900, 903.

<sup>86</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0557](#), para. 22.

<sup>87</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0198](#); [KEN-OTP-0114-0244](#); [KEN-OTP-0114-0296](#); [KEN-OTP-0114-0291](#).

<sup>88</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#).

<sup>89</sup> [KEN-OTP-0131-0431](#); [KEN-OTP-0132-0167](#); [KEN-OTP-0104-0917](#); [KEN-OTP-0104-0920](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0365](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0371](#); [KEN-OTP-0103-2701](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0555](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0365](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0371](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0395](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0396](#); [KEN-OTP-0107-0717](#); [KEN-OTP-0110-0367](#); [KEN-OTP-0109-0015](#); [KEN-OTP-0135-0430](#); [KEN-OTP-0109-0012](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0152](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0153](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0154](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0155](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0156](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0157](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0158](#).

<sup>90</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-1693](#).

<sup>91</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0090-R01](#).

<sup>92</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-2693-R01](#), para. 20.

<sup>93</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0090-R01](#) at 48-55; [KEN-OTP-0135-0074](#) at 424-5; [KEN-OTP-0135-0054](#) at 414-5.

<sup>94</sup> [DCC](#), para. 133.

<sup>95</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 179-94.

<sup>96</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 240-7.

<sup>97</sup> [DCC](#), para. 305.

<sup>98</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0296](#).

<sup>99</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0296](#) at 42.

<sup>100</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0296](#) at 46-51.

<sup>101</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0296](#) at 79-82.

<sup>102</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0296](#) at 120.

<sup>103</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0198](#) at 17-8.

that the OTP attempted to arrange for [REDACTED] to contact Mr. Gicheru. There is no evidence that Mr. Gicheru attempted to contact [REDACTED].

30. [REDACTED].<sup>104</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>105</sup>

31. [REDACTED].<sup>106</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>107</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>108</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>109</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>110</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>111</sup>

### **Sammy KOSGEI**

32. KOSGEI provided no evidence to the OTP.<sup>112</sup> Nor is there any evidence suggesting that the OTP ever attempted to interview him.<sup>113</sup>

33. [REDACTED].<sup>114</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>115</sup> [REDACTED].

34. [REDACTED].<sup>116</sup> [REDACTED].

### **[REDACTED] (P-397)**

35. [REDACTED].<sup>117</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>118</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>119</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>120</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>121</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>122</sup>

36. P[REDACTED].<sup>123</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>124</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>125</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>126</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>127</sup>

<sup>104</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#) at 911-1030.

<sup>105</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0162](#), para. 53.

<sup>106</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0140](#), para. 32.

<sup>107</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0140](#), para. 32.

<sup>108</sup> [KEN-OTP-0132-0167](#) at 81-93.

<sup>109</sup> [KEN-OTP-0132-0167](#) at 338.

<sup>110</sup> [KEN-OTP-0132-0167](#) at 1056, 1391, 1422.

<sup>111</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0140](#).

<sup>112</sup> [DCC](#), para. 42(d).

<sup>113</sup> [DCC](#), para. 42(d).

<sup>114</sup> [DCC](#), para. 42(d); [KEN-OTP-0047-0248](#); [KEN-OTP-0047-0273](#).

<sup>115</sup> [KEN-OTP-0047-0273](#).

<sup>116</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 262, 264.

<sup>117</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0322-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0360-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0375-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0402-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0434-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0461-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0488-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0494-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0499-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0505-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0518-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0547-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0125-0571-R01](#).

<sup>118</sup> [KEN-OTP-0124-0030](#); [KEN-OTP-0124-0029](#).

<sup>119</sup> [KEN-OTP-0124-0021](#).

<sup>120</sup> [KEN-OTP-0139-0095](#); [KEN-OTP-0139-0097](#).

<sup>121</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0185](#).

<sup>122</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0248](#).

<sup>123</sup> [KEN-OTP-0074-0264-R01](#), paras. 11-5.

<sup>124</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0322](#) at 995-1011.

<sup>125</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0360](#) at 162; [KEN-OTP-0125-0518](#) at 631.

<sup>126</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0434](#) at 270.

<sup>127</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0518](#) at 924-41; [KEN-OTP-0125-0547](#) at 37-43.

37. The OTP claims that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took P-397 to Mr. Gicheru's office where he agreed with Mr. Gicheru and SIMATWO to be paid 5,000,000 KSH to withdraw from the ICC, prepared and signed an affidavit with [REDACTED], was tasked by [REDACTED] and Mr. Gicheru to convince [REDACTED] to withdraw, and was threatened by Mr. Gicheru along with someone by the name of [REDACTED].<sup>128</sup>
38. P-564 and P-579 are unavailable. [REDACTED] were never interviewed. There is no evidence that the OTP even attempted to interview them. They too are unavailable, as is unidentified [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is unreliable [REDACTED].
39. P-397's affidavit does not show that Mr. Gicheru had any involvement in his withdrawal. There is no evidence that Mr. Gicheru was involved with [REDACTED]. The affidavit only shows that [REDACTED] prepared the affidavit on [REDACTED].<sup>129</sup> P-397's bank records do not show that any deposits were from Mr. Gicheru. [REDACTED].<sup>130</sup>
40. The investigation reports do not support the OTP's claims. [REDACTED].<sup>131</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>132</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>133</sup> [REDACTED].
41. [REDACTED].<sup>134</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>135</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>136</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>137</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>138</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>139</sup>

**[REDACTED] (P-516)**

42. [REDACTED],<sup>140</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>141</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>142</sup>

<sup>128</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 72-80.

<sup>129</sup> [KEN-OTP-0124-0030](#); [KEN-OTP-0124-0029](#).

<sup>130</sup> [KEN-OTP-0124-0021](#).

<sup>131</sup> [KEN-OTP-0139-0097](#).

<sup>132</sup> [KEN-OTP-0139-0093](#).

<sup>133</sup> [KEN-OTP-0139-0095](#).

<sup>134</sup> [KEN-OTP-0125-0461](#) at 869, 872, 874, 876, 878.

<sup>135</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0185](#) at 174-5.

<sup>136</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0185](#) at 12-4, 83-6.

<sup>137</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0185](#) at 86, 119, 127.

<sup>138</sup> [KEN-OTP-0129-0567-R01](#).

<sup>139</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0185](#) at 130, 152, 154, 156.

<sup>140</sup> [KEN-OTP-0087-0031-R05](#).

<sup>141</sup> [T-002](#); [T-003](#); [T-004](#); [T-005](#); [T-006](#).

<sup>142</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0817-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0150-0837-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0150-0760-R01](#).

43. [REDACTED].<sup>143</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>144</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>145</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>146</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>147</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>148</sup>
44. The OTP claims that [REDACTED] took P-516 to meet Mr. Gicheru, that Mr. Gicheru offered him a bribe of either 500,000 or 800,000 KSH, that he signed an affidavit withdrawing from the ICC, and that he met with Mr. Gicheru four times and was paid a total of 500,000 KSH.<sup>149</sup>
45. [REDACTED]<sup>150</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>151</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>152</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>153</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>154</sup>
46. [REDACTED].<sup>155</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>156</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>157</sup> [REDACTED].
47. P-516 gave contradictory and evasive answers over the course of his post-testimony interview. He stated that some of the information he initially provided to OTP investigators was false since there were mistakes he did not correct,<sup>158</sup> but was reluctant to review his statement for accuracy.<sup>159</sup> He later stated that he testified truthfully and according to his knowledge,<sup>160</sup> denied claiming that he provided false information in the statement,<sup>161</sup> and asked to stop being questioned.<sup>162</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>163</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>164</sup>
48. P-397 is unavailable. P-579 and P-540, who [REDACTED]<sup>165</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>166</sup> [REDACTED], are unavailable. [REDACTED] evidence of what P-516 reportedly told her is uncorroborated hearsay.<sup>167</sup> The OTP investigator's remarks that P-516's behavior was

<sup>143</sup> [KEN-OTP-0087-0031-R05](#), para. 19; [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), p. 0178.

<sup>144</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0637-R01](#) at 499-500.

<sup>145</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0921-R01](#) at 494.

<sup>146</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0921-R01](#) at 63-4.

<sup>147</sup> [KEN-OTP-0087-0031-R05](#), paras. 20-2.

<sup>148</sup> [T-004](#), pp. 33-4; [T-003](#), p. 45.

<sup>149</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 106-8.

<sup>150</sup> [T-003](#), p. 67.

<sup>151</sup> [T-003](#), pp. 42-4, 51, 55-60, 64, 66-7.

<sup>152</sup> [T-004](#), p. 33.

<sup>153</sup> [T-004](#), pp. 15-6.

<sup>154</sup> [T-005](#), pp. 71, 73.

<sup>155</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0621-R01](#) at 37-8.

<sup>156</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0621-R01](#) at 55, 59.

<sup>157</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0817-R01](#) at 145-69, 222-3.

<sup>158</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0684-R01](#) at 145-52.

<sup>159</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0873-R01](#) at 152-3.

<sup>160</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0817-R01](#) at 257. *See also* [KEN-OTP-0150-0873-R01](#) at 260.

<sup>161</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0873-R01](#) at 181-2, 187.

<sup>162</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0873-R01](#) at 214.

<sup>163</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0873-R01](#) at 449-55.

<sup>164</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0873-R01](#) at 458-66.

<sup>165</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), para. 18; [KEN-OTP-0111-0162](#), para. 36.

<sup>166</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0140](#), para. 42.

<sup>167</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), para. 23.

indicative of corrupt influence is speculative.<sup>168</sup> The OTP concedes that P-516's evidence before and after testifying is so contradictory and so improbable that it should not be relied on unless "adequately corroborated or other reasons exist which adequately reduce the risk of relying on a particular fact."<sup>169</sup> P-516's evidence is uncorroborate.

**[REDACTED] (P-800)**

49. [REDACTED],<sup>170</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>171</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>172</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>173</sup>  
 [REDACTED],<sup>174</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>175</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>176</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>177</sup>  
 [REDACTED].<sup>178</sup>

50. [REDACTED].<sup>179</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>180</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>181</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>182</sup>  
 [REDACTED],<sup>183</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>184</sup>

51. The OTP claims that [REDACTED] offered P-800 bribes of 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 KSH on behalf of Mr. Gicheru, that [REDACTED] introduced P-800 to Mr. Gicheru, that Mr. Gicheru offered P-800 a bribe of 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 KSH, that P-800 signed an affidavit prepared by [REDACTED] under Mr. Gicheru's instruction, and that P-800 approached [REDACTED] on Mr. Gicheru's request.<sup>185</sup> None of these claims are supported by reliable corroborated evidence.

<sup>168</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-0884](#).

<sup>169</sup> [DCC](#), para. 115.

<sup>170</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0140](#); [KEN-OTP-0102-0205](#); [KEN-OTP-0103-2473](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0388](#); [KEN-OTP-0109-0002](#); [KEN-OTP-0102-0217](#).

<sup>171</sup> [KEN-OTP-0138-0092](#); [KEN-OTP-0135-0054](#); [KEN-OTP-0135-0113](#), [KEN-OTP-0135-0103](#), [KEN-OTP-0135-0139](#), [KEN-OTP-0135-0155](#); [KEN-OTP-0135-0200](#).

<sup>172</sup> [KEN-OTP-0144-0272-R01](#).

<sup>173</sup> [KEN-OTP-0132-0167](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0555](#); [KEN-OTP-0131-0431](#); [KEN-OTP-0103-2701](#); [KEN-OTP-0104-0917](#); [KEN-OTP-0104-0920](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0365](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0371](#); [KEN-OTP-0107-0717](#); [KEN-OTP-0110-0367](#); [KEN-OTP-0109-0015](#); [KEN-OTP-0135-0430](#).

<sup>174</sup> [KEN-OTP-0145-0587](#); [KEN-OTP-0145-0594](#).

<sup>175</sup> [KEN-OTP-0106-0395](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0396](#); [KEN-OTP-0109-0012](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0152](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0153](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0154](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0155](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0156](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0157](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0158](#).

<sup>176</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-3498](#); [KEN-OTP-0103-3497](#); [KEN-OTP-0105-0095](#); [KEN-OTP-0116-0479](#); [KEN-OTP-0116-0482](#); [KEN-OTP-0129-0702](#).

<sup>177</sup> [KEN-OTP-0145-0560](#); [KEN-OTP-0145-0562](#); [KEN-OTP-0145-0554](#); [KEN-OTP-0116-0261](#); [KEN-OTP-0145-0566](#).

<sup>178</sup> [T-026](#); [T-018](#); [T-029](#); [T-027](#); [T-020](#); [T-028](#); [T-030](#).

<sup>179</sup> [KEN-OTP-0082-0250](#), para. 10.

<sup>180</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0205](#), paras. 15-6.

<sup>181</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-2473](#), para. 19.

<sup>182</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0054](#) at 506-19.

<sup>183</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0041-R01](#) at 189.

<sup>184</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0074](#) at 256-8; [KEN-OTP-0135-0054](#) at 404-26.

<sup>185</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 179, 185, 193.

52. [REDACTED].<sup>186</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>187</sup>

53. [REDACTED],<sup>188</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>189</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>190</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>191</sup>

54. P-800's claim that [REDACTED] told him over the telephone that 10 lawyers led by Mr. Gicheru coached [REDACTED] on what to say in court is uncorroborated hearsay.<sup>192</sup> There is no recording of the alleged telephone conversation between P-800 and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] never admitted to having been coached on what to say in court.

55. [REDACTED]<sup>193</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>194</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>195</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>196</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>197</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>198</sup>

56. The investigation reports are unreliable since they are based on P-800's uncorroborated claims.<sup>199</sup> The affidavits do not show any involvement by Mr. Gicheru.<sup>200</sup>

57. Having had the opportunity to observe P-800's testimony, Judge Fremr of the *Ruto and Sang* Trial Chamber, Judge Eboe-Osuji concurring,<sup>201</sup> found that P-800's "evidence is incapable of being relied upon by a reasonable Trial Chamber" since he "demonstrated a willingness to lie in return for personal gain and induce others to lie as well, apparently without concern for the significant implications of such dishonesty."<sup>202</sup> Judge Fremr found that P-800 misled the Court under oath,<sup>203</sup> having testified during direct examination that he witnessed firsthand information that he admitted during cross-examination came from a report prepared by P-495.<sup>204</sup> Aside from P-800's evidence "being incapable of belief," Judge Fremr found that he gave a "highly implausible" account of a cleansing ceremony.<sup>205</sup>

<sup>186</sup> [KEN-OTP-0116-0495-R01](#).

<sup>187</sup> [KEN-OTP-0116-0495-R01](#).

<sup>188</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0054](#) at 487, 543-8.

<sup>189</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0054](#) at 419-26, 428-37, 655-6.

<sup>190</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0103](#) at 182-93.

<sup>191</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0103](#) at 83-9; [KEN-OTP-0135-0113](#) at 618-24, 667.

<sup>192</sup> [KEN-OTP-0144-0272-R01](#) at 232-59.

<sup>193</sup> [KEN-OTP-0116-0495-R01](#).

<sup>194</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0566-R01](#) at 7-13.

<sup>195</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0103](#) at 129-32.

<sup>196</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0139](#) at 147-66.

<sup>197</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0113](#) at 810-9.

<sup>198</sup> [T-020](#), pp. 21, 24.

<sup>199</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-3498](#); [KEN-OTP-0103-3497](#); [KEN-OTP-0105-0095](#); [KEN-OTP-0116-0479](#); [KEN-OTP-0116-0482](#); [KEN-OTP-0129-0702](#).

<sup>200</sup> [KEN-OTP-0145-0560](#); [KEN-OTP-0145-0562](#); [KEN-OTP-0145-0554](#); [KEN-OTP-0116-0261](#); [KEN-OTP-0145-0566](#).

<sup>201</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-2027](#) (Reasons of Judge Eboe-Osuji), para. 1.

<sup>202</sup> *Id.* (Reasons of Judge Fremr), paras. 41, 43.

<sup>203</sup> *Id.*, para. 41.

<sup>204</sup> *Id.*, para. 39.

<sup>205</sup> *Id.*, para. 116.

Considering that P-800 is just as unreliable in this case as he was in *Ruto and Sang*, his evidence merits no weight, whether assessed on its own or with other evidence.

**[REDACTED] (P-613)**

58. [REDACTED]<sup>206</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>207</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>208</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>209</sup>  
[REDACTED],<sup>210</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>211</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>212</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>213</sup>

59. [REDACTED],<sup>214</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>215</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>216</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>217</sup>  
[REDACTED],<sup>218</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>219</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>220</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>221</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>222</sup>

60. The OTP claims that P-564, P-579, P-540, P-516, P-800, P-495, and P-0604 contacted P-613 and offered bribes on behalf of Mr. Gicheru to withdraw from the ICC.<sup>223</sup>

61. P-613's evidence is based on uncorroborated hearsay and double hearsay evidence from [REDACTED], which P-613 recounts and draws assumptions from the conversations (both recorded and unrecorded) she had with these witnesses and the text messages she received.<sup>224</sup> [REDACTED]. [REDACTED],<sup>225</sup> [REDACTED]. The investigation reports based on P-613's uncorroborated hearsay-based statements do not verify the veracity of the information she received. Knowing the unreliability of witnesses who were contact P-613, the OTP makes no attempt to verify these witnesses' evidence.

62. Having had the opportunity to observe P-613's testimony, Judge Fremr, Judge Eboe-Osuji concurring,<sup>226</sup> found her evidence on communications systems between RUTO and "the

<sup>206</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0910](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0162](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0557](#); [KEN-OTP-0115-0216](#); [KEN-OTP-0118-0137](#); [KEN-OTP-0106-0922](#).

<sup>207</sup> [KEN-OTP-0124-0007](#).

<sup>208</sup> [KEN-OTP-0129-0740](#).

<sup>209</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#).

<sup>210</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-1927](#).

<sup>211</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0178](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0179](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0180](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0181](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0182](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0184](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0185](#).

<sup>212</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-3498](#); [KEN-OTP-0117-0897](#); [KEN-OTP-0117-0898](#); [KEN-OTP-0153-0041](#).

<sup>213</sup> [T-013](#); [T-014](#); [T-015](#).

<sup>214</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), p. 0178.

<sup>215</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), para. 32.

<sup>216</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), para. 14.

<sup>217</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), para. 31; [KEN-OTP-0111-0557](#), paras. 57-60; [KEN-OTP-0118-0137](#), paras. 15-16.

<sup>218</sup> [KEN-OTP-0111-0162](#), para. 52.

<sup>219</sup> [KEN-OTP-0115-0216](#), para. 19.

<sup>220</sup> [KEN-OTP-0124-0007](#), paras. 14-5.

<sup>221</sup> [KEN-OTP-0087-0031-R05](#), para. 19.

<sup>222</sup> [KEN-OTP-0102-0178](#), para. 23; [KEN-OTP-0106-0910](#), para. 25.

<sup>223</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 113, 141.

<sup>224</sup> *See supra* fns. 206-11.

<sup>225</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0540-R01](#) at 396-414, 446-55, 471-3; [KEN-OTP-0135-0113](#) at 810-9.

<sup>226</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-2027](#) (Reasons of Judge Eboe-Osuji), para. 1.

network” to be speculative and based on uncorroborated hearsay.<sup>227</sup> Considering that her evidence in this case is also uncorroborated hearsay, it merits no weight, whether assessed on its own or with other evidence.

**[REDACTED] (P-604)**

63. [REDACTED],<sup>228</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>229</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>230</sup>

64. [REDACTED].<sup>231</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>232</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>233</sup>

65. [REDACTED].<sup>234</sup>

66. [REDACTED],<sup>235</sup> [REDACTED];<sup>236</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>237</sup> [REDACTED];<sup>238</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>239</sup>

67. [REDACTED],<sup>240</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>241</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>242</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>243</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>244</sup> [REDACTED].

**[REDACTED] (P-495)**

68. [REDACTED],<sup>245</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>246</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>247</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>248</sup>  
[REDACTED].<sup>249</sup>

<sup>227</sup> *Id.* (Reasons of Judge Fremr), paras. 106-7.

<sup>228</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1019-R01](#).

<sup>229</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0144-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0143-0137-R01](#).

<sup>230</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1060-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0129-0414-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0153-0016](#); [KEN-OTP-0153-0015](#); [KEN-OTP-0153-0052](#).

<sup>231</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1019-R01](#), paras. 20, 34.

<sup>232</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1019-R01](#), para. 11.

<sup>233</sup> [KEN-OTP-0124-0007](#), paras. 14-5.

<sup>234</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 156-9.

<sup>235</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1019-R01](#), para. 19.

<sup>236</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1019-R01](#), paras. 21-2.

<sup>237</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1019-R01](#), para. 26.

<sup>238</sup> [T-129](#), pp. 76-7.

<sup>239</sup> [T-132](#), pp. 71-3.

<sup>240</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0144-R01](#) at 123-50.

<sup>241</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0144-R01](#) at 157-60.

<sup>242</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0144-R01](#) at 376-87.

<sup>243</sup> [KEN-OTP-0143-0144-R01](#) at 572-5.

<sup>244</sup> [KEN-OTP-0117-1060-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0129-0414-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0153-0016](#); [KEN-OTP-0153-0015](#); [KEN-OTP-0153-0052](#).

<sup>245</sup> [KEN-OTP-0129-0740](#).

<sup>246</sup> [KEN-OTP-0138-0649](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0650](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0651](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0652](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0653](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0654](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0655](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0656](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0657](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0658](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0659](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0660](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0661](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0662](#); [KEN-OTP-0138-0663](#).

<sup>247</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0478-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0130-0507-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0130-0540-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0130-0585-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0130-0563-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0130-0462-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0130-0566-R01](#).

<sup>248</sup> [KEN-OTP-0145-0587](#); [KEN-OTP-0145-0594](#).

<sup>249</sup> [T-024](#); [T-016](#); [T-017](#); [T-025](#).



69. [REDACTED],<sup>250</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>251</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>252</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>253</sup>

70. The OTP claims that P-800, P-579, and Mr. Gicheru met with P-495 in [REDACTED], that Mr. Gicheru offered P-495 1,500,000 KSH to withdraw from the ICC, and that P-495 approached [REDACTED] to convince her to withdraw as requested by Mr. Gicheru. [REDACTED].<sup>254</sup>

71. [REDACTED]<sup>255</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>256</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>257</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>258</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>259</sup>

72. [REDACTED],<sup>260</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>261</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>262</sup>

73. [REDACTED].<sup>263</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>264</sup> [REDACTED].

74. At trial, P-495 testified that he never met Mr. Gicheru [REDACTED]<sup>265</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>266</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>267</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>268</sup> “[REDACTED]<sup>269</sup>

**[REDACTED] (P-536)**

75. [REDACTED],<sup>270</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>271</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>272</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>273</sup>

76. [REDACTED].<sup>274</sup> The OTP claims that P-540 offered her a bribe of 1,400,000 KSH on behalf of Mr. Gicheru to withdraw from the ICC.<sup>275</sup>

<sup>250</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0507-R01](#) at 381; [T-017](#), p. 14.

<sup>251</sup> [KEN-OTP-0135-0074](#) at 256-8; [KEN-OTP-0135-0054](#) at 404-26.

<sup>252</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0507-R01](#) at 93-4.

<sup>253</sup> [KEN-OTP-0115-0216](#), para. 19.

<sup>254</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 209, 211-5.

<sup>255</sup> [KEN-OTP-0129-0740](#).

<sup>256</sup> *See supra* fn. 246.

<sup>257</sup> [KEN-OTP-0129-0740](#) at 71-85.

<sup>258</sup> [KEN-OTP-0129-0740](#) at 105-6.

<sup>259</sup> [KEN-OTP-0129-0740](#) at 108-9.

<sup>260</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0540-R01](#) at 336-46.

<sup>261</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0507-R01](#) at 674-88.

<sup>262</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0540-R01](#) at 471-3.

<sup>263</sup> [KEN-OTP-0130-0540-R01](#) at 512-22.

<sup>264</sup> [KEN-OTP-0145-0594](#) at 105-6.

<sup>265</sup> [T-016](#), p. 64.

<sup>266</sup> [T-016](#), p. 63.

<sup>267</sup> [T-016](#), pp. 64-5.

<sup>268</sup> [T-016](#), p. 66.

<sup>269</sup> [T-016](#), p. 69.

<sup>270</sup> [KEN-OTP-0118-0011-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0103-2693-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0188-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0111-0201-R01](#).

<sup>271</sup> [KEN-OTP-0114-0244](#); [KEN-OTP-0114-0296](#), [KEN-OTP-0114-0198](#); [KEN-OTP-0114-0291](#).

<sup>272</sup> [KEN-OTP-0153-0044](#).

<sup>273</sup> [T-007](#); [T-022](#); [T-008](#); [T-009](#); [T-010](#); [T-011](#); [T-012](#).

<sup>274</sup> [KEN-OTP-0103-2693-R01](#), para. 20.

<sup>275</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 244-6.

77. [REDACTED].<sup>276</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>277</sup> [REDACTED];<sup>278</sup> [REDACTED].

78. The *Ruto and Sang* Trial Chamber did not rely on or mention her evidence.<sup>279</sup> Considering that her evidence in this case is also uncorroborated hearsay, it merits no weight, whether assessed on its own or with other evidence.

**[REDACTED] (P-341)**

79. [REDACTED]<sup>280</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>281</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>282</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>283</sup>

80. [REDACTED].<sup>284</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>285</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>286</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>287</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>288</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>289</sup> [REDACTED], [REDACTED].<sup>290</sup>

81. The OTP claims that [REDACTED] brought P-341 to Mr. Gicheru's office (where [REDACTED] were present), that Mr. Gicheru paid him between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 KSH (either himself or through someone by the name of [REDACTED]), that Mr. Gicheru requested him to sign an affidavit pre-prepared by [REDACTED] and a handwritten affidavit to withdraw from the ICC and to announce his withdrawal to the media, that Mr. Gicheru threatened him, and that Mr. Gicheru requested him to convince [REDACTED] to withdraw.<sup>291</sup>

82. There is no evidence to support the OTP's claim that P-341 was regarded by Mr. Gicheru as a person who knew information relevant to the proceedings or had information detrimental to RUTO in the *Ruto and Sang* case.<sup>292</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>293</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>294</sup>

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<sup>276</sup> See *supra* fns. 270-1.

<sup>277</sup> [T-011](#), pp. 80-1.

<sup>278</sup> [KEN-OTP-0153-0044](#).

<sup>279</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-2027](#).

<sup>280</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), [KEN-OTP-0149-0119-R01](#).

<sup>281</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0286-R01](#), [KEN-OTP-0150-0287-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0150-0288-R01](#).

<sup>282</sup> [KEN-OTP-0149-0125](#); [KEN-OTP-0149-0126](#); [KEN-OTP-0150-0283-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0159-1386](#).

<sup>283</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-1783-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0159-1803-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0159-1833-R01](#).

<sup>284</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-1590-R01](#).

<sup>285</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-2140-R01](#), p. 2140.

<sup>286</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), paras. 26, 132.

<sup>287</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), para. 34.

<sup>288</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), para. 43.

<sup>289</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), para. 42.

<sup>290</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), para. 43.

<sup>291</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 262-9.

<sup>292</sup> *Contra* [DCC](#), para. 261.

<sup>293</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-1590-R01](#).

<sup>294</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-1590-R01](#).

83. [REDACTED].<sup>295</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>296</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>297</sup> [REDACTED]<sup>298</sup>

84. [REDACTED].<sup>299</sup> [REDACTED];<sup>300</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>301</sup>

85. [REDACTED].

86. P-341's sketches of [REDACTED] do not show that he was in Mr. Gicheru's office on the dates claimed or that any of the others alleged to have been in attendance were present.<sup>302</sup> Nor do they show that Mr. Gicheru offered P-341 a bribe.

87. Neither the business card nor bank records show that Mr. Gicheru ever met p-341 or was involved in any of the deposits in P-341's bank account. [REDACTED].<sup>303</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>304</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>305</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>306</sup> [REDACTED].

88. The newspaper clippings do not corroborate any of P-341's claims. [REDACTED].<sup>307</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>308</sup>

89. [REDACTED]<sup>309</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>310</sup>

**[REDACTED] (P-274)**

90. [REDACTED]<sup>311</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>312</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>313</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>314</sup>

91. [REDACTED].<sup>315</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>316</sup> [REDACTED],<sup>317</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>318</sup>

<sup>295</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-2140-R01](#), p. 2140.

<sup>296</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-2140-R01](#), pp. 2140-1.

<sup>297</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-2140-R01](#), p. 2142.

<sup>298</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-2140-R01](#), p. 2142.

<sup>299</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), para. 18.

<sup>300</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), paras. 62-5, 71-3, 77, 78-9, 83-91, 97.

<sup>301</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), para. 88.

<sup>302</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0286-R01](#), [KEN-OTP-0150-0287-R01](#).

<sup>303</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0288-R01](#).

<sup>304</sup> [KEN-OTP-0149-0125](#); [KEN-OTP-0149-0126](#); [KEN-OTP-0150-0283-R01](#); [KEN-OTP-0159-1386](#).

<sup>305</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0255-R01](#), paras. 29-30, 118.

<sup>306</sup> [KEN-OTP-0147-2140-R01](#), p. 2140.

<sup>307</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0285-R01](#).

<sup>308</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0289-R01](#).

<sup>309</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-1803-R01](#) at 342-54.

<sup>310</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-1803-R01](#) at 508-10.

<sup>311</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-0986-R01](#).

<sup>312</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0345](#); [KEN-OTP-0160-0206](#).

<sup>313</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-1855](#).

<sup>314</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-1857](#).

<sup>315</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0345](#).

<sup>316</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-0986-R01](#), para. 30.

<sup>317</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-0986-R01](#), para. 49.

<sup>318</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-0986-R01](#), para. 71.

92. The OTP claims that P-274 received threats in [REDACTED], that [REDACTED], that [REDACTED] brought him to Mr. Gicheru's office in [REDACTED], that Mr. Gicheru offered him a bribe of 1,000,000 KSH, and that [REDACTED] came to his house after he changed his telephone number and ceased interacting with Mr. Gicheru.<sup>319</sup>
93. [REDACTED].<sup>320</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>321</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>322</sup> P-274's evidence is uncorroborated.
94. [REDACTED],<sup>323</sup> there is no evidence to support the OTP's claim that he was regarded by Mr. Gicheru as a person who knew information relevant to the proceedings or had information detrimental to RUTO.<sup>324</sup>

**Silas SIMATWO, Isaac MAIYO, and MP Elisha BUSIENEI ("Managers")**

95. The OTP claims that SIMATWO, MAIYO, and MP BUSIENEI were "managers" of a common plan.<sup>325</sup> There is no evidence that Mr. Gicheru had any dealings with these individuals concerning any of the witnesses, [REDACTED]. Nor did the OTP make any attempt to contact these individuals and question them in relation to witness interference in the *Ruto and Sang* case, and in particular, Mr. Gicheru. There is no corroborating evidence that Mr. Gicheru was associated with any of these individuals during the relevant period, had contact with any of these individuals concerning the witnesses in relation to the events, or was engaged with these individuals in any common plan to locate and corruptly influence witnesses.

**IV. THE CHARGES**

96. A qualitative assessment of the evidence, individually and holistically, considering the nature of the evidence, its reliability and credibility, its source and the context in which it was obtained, the nexus to the charges or suspect, and indicia of reliability shows that Mr. Gicheru is not criminally responsible for the offences of corruptly influencing witnesses: (a) under Article 25(3)(a) as a direct perpetrator (Counts 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 only) or as a direct co-perpetrator (Counts 3 and 6); (b) under Article 25(3)(d) for contributing in any other way to the commission of the charged offences by a group of persons acting pursuant to a common plan; (c) under Article 25(3)(b) for soliciting or inducing the direct

<sup>319</sup> [DCC](#), paras. 306-15.

<sup>320</sup> [KEN-OTP-0159-1803-R01](#) at 500-10.

<sup>321</sup> [DCC](#), para. 312; [KEN-OTP-0159-0986-R01](#), para. 62.

<sup>322</sup> [KEN-OTP-0160-0206](#).

<sup>323</sup> [KEN-OTP-0150-0345](#).

<sup>324</sup> [DCC](#), para. 304.

<sup>325</sup> [DCC](#), para. 40.

perpetrators to commit the charged offences; or (d) under Article 25(3)(c) for aiding, abetting, or otherwise assisting the direct perpetrators in the commission of the charged offences.<sup>326</sup>

97. **COUNT 1.** Mr. Gicheru did not corruptly influence P-397. P-397 is unreliable. [REDACTED].<sup>327</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>328</sup> [REDACTED].

98. **COUNT 2.** Mr. Gicheru did not corruptly influence P-516. P-516 is unreliable. [REDACTED].<sup>329</sup> [REDACTED].

99. **COUNT 3.** Mr. Gicheru did not corruptly influence P-613. P-613 is unreliable. [REDACTED].<sup>330</sup> [REDACTED].

100. **COUNT 4.** Mr. Gicheru did not corruptly influence P-800. P-800 is as unreliable in this case as the *Ruto and Sang* Trial Chamber found him to be.<sup>331</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>332</sup> [REDACTED].

101. **COUNT 5.** Mr. Gicheru did not corruptly influence P-495. P-495 is unreliable. [REDACTED].<sup>333</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>334</sup>

102. **COUNT 6.** Mr. Gicheru did not corruptly influence [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is unreliable. There is no reliable evidence that Mr. Gicheru offered her a bribe to withdraw from the ICC.<sup>335</sup> [REDACTED].

103. **COUNT 7.** Mr. Gicheru did not corruptly influence P-341. P-341 is unreliable. [REDACTED].<sup>336</sup> [REDACTED].

104. **COUNT 8.** Mr. Gicheru did not corruptly influence P-274. P-274 is unreliable. [REDACTED].<sup>337</sup> [REDACTED].

## V. CONCLUSION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

<sup>326</sup> *Contra* [DCC](#), para. 33.

<sup>327</sup> *See supra* para. 41. [KEN-OTP-0143-0185](#); [KEN-OTP-0159-0795](#) at 322-424.

<sup>328</sup> [DCC](#), pp. 133-4.

<sup>329</sup> [DCC](#), pp. 138-9.

<sup>330</sup> [DCC](#), pp. 142-3.

<sup>331</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-2027](#) (Reasons of Judge Fremr), paras. 39, 41, 43, 116.

<sup>332</sup> [DCC](#), pp. 147-8.

<sup>333</sup> [DCC](#), p. 152.

<sup>334</sup> [T-016](#), p. 64.

<sup>335</sup> [DCC](#), pp. 156-7.

<sup>336</sup> [DCC](#), pp. 159-60.

<sup>337</sup> [DCC](#), pp. 165-6.

105. The OTP has effectively presented its case in seeking the confirmation of charges. Assuming the OTP's investigation is largely complete as it should be, having had years to investigate,<sup>338</sup> and assuming, as expected, the OTP has put its best available evidence,<sup>339</sup> the essence of the evidence before the Chamber is insufficient to confirm the charges and should give pause to any expectation that it would sustain a No Case to Answer challenge were the case sent to trial, let alone meet the burden of proof of beyond reasonable doubt required for a conviction. Beneath the surface of the cosmetically impressive 170-page DCC and the OTP's glossy rendition of the events that it claims demonstrates that Mr. Gicheru corruptly influenced OTP witnesses, is a pervading pattern of calculated neglect of evidence, abject disregard of context, and reckless abandonment of fairness and discernment. Irrespective of whether the assertions claimed by the OTP have a whiff of plausibility – as the shine of fool's gold would to the unsophisticated and unwary, considering that much of the evidence is untestable hearsay – were the Chamber to take the OTP's evidence at face value as it claims it must, the confirmation of charges would erroneously be predicated on unsound and erroneous findings of fact and a misapplication of the law, resulting in an erroneous and unsustainable confirmation.

**WHEREFORE**, there being no evidence that Mr. Gicheru was a member of any common plan to identify, locate, and corruptly influence OTP witnesses, and there being no concrete evidence linking Mr. Gicheru to any of the events, to any of the so-called “managers,” to any of the witnesses other than P-397, or to any of the advocates who prepared affidavits for withdrawing witnesses, the Chamber should **DECLINE** to confirm the charges against Mr. Gicheru.

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<sup>338</sup> [ICC-01/04-01/10-514](#), para. 44.

<sup>339</sup> [ICC-01/09-01/11-153](#), para. 8; [ICC-01/09-02/11-181](#), para. 8.