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## PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade

**Judge Mauro Politi** 

Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

## SITUATION IN UGANDA

Under seal Ex Parte, Prosecutor Only

REQUEST TO THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN FOR ARREST AND SURRENDER OF **DOMINIC ONGWEN** 

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II (the "Chamber") of the International Criminal Court (the

"Court"), sitting as the full Chamber pursuant to its decision on the 18th day of May

2005, to which, on the 5th day of July 2004, the Presidency assigned the situation in

Uganda pursuant to regulation 46 of the Regulations of the Court (the "Regulations");

HAVING RECEIVED the "Prosecutor's application for Warrants of Arrest under

Article 58" dated the 6th day of May 2005, as amended and supplemented on the 13th day

of May 2005 and on the 18th day of May 2005 (the "Prosecutor's application") and having

considered it on the basis of the amended application dated the 18th day of May 2005;

HAVING DECIDED to grant the Prosecutor's application and having issued a sealed

warrant of arrest for DOMINIC ONGWEN (the "Warrant") under article 58 of the

Statute of the Court (the "Statute") on the 8th day of July 2005;

NOTING the Chamber's decision dated the 27th day of September 2005 on the

Prosecutor's Urgent Application dated the 26th day of September 2005, that a request for

arrest and surrender of **DOMINIC ONGWEN** related to the Warrant ("this Request")

be issued and transmitted to the Republic of Sudan;

NOTING the Chamber's decision that this Request be transmitted by the Registrar;

**CONSIDERING** it important, for the purposes of the transmission of this Request and

of the Warrant, that the Registrar, on the one hand, and the Prosecutor, on the other, act

on the basis of the fullest and closest possible consultation and cooperation;

**NOTING** the relevant provisions of the Statute, including, in particular, articles 59, 60,

87, 89, 90 and 91;

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**NOTING**, in particular, article 89, paragraph 1, of the Statute, providing that the Court

may transmit a request for the arrest and surrender of a person to any State in the

territory of which that person may be found;

NOTING also the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the

"Rules"), including, in particular, rules 117, 176, 184 and 187;

NOTING the Chamber's decision dated the 8th day of July 2005 granting the

Prosecutor's request that the application and all the proceedings relating thereto be

treated as under seal and be kept under seal;

NOTING the Chamber's decision dated the 8th day of July 2005 granting the

Prosecutor's request for appropriate protective measures under article 87, paragraph 4,

of the Statute;

**NOTING** the Chamber's decision dated the 8th day of July 2005 that any information

relating to the Prosecutor's application, the warrant of arrest and subsequent

proceedings be provided and handled in a manner that protects the safety or physical or

psychological well-being of any victims, potential witnesses and their families, in

particular those mentioned in the Prosecutor's application, in accordance with articles 68

and 87, paragraph 4, of the Statute;

**NOTING** the Chamber's decision dated the 8th day of July 2005 that, without prejudice

to the responsibilities of the Prosecutor under the Statute, any measures, including

relocation and measures related to the protection of information, as may be necessary or

appropriate to ensure the safety or physical or psychological well-being of any victims,

potential witnesses and their families, and in particular of those mentioned in the

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Prosecutor's application, be taken pursuant to articles 68 and 87, paragraph 4, of the

Statute;

**NOTING** also the Chamber's decision dated the 8th day of July 2005 that, without

prejudice to the responsibilities of the Prosecutor under the Statute, any other measures

which may be necessary or appropriate to prevent the disclosure of the identity or

whereabouts of any victims, potential witnesses and their families, in particular of those

mentioned in the Prosecutor's application, be taken;

FOR THESE REASONS,

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II HEREBY:

INVITES the Republic of Sudan, on the basis of the Warrant, to SEARCH FOR,

ARREST, DETAIN AND SURRENDER to the Court DOMINIC ONGWEN, a male

who was last known to be serving in the Lord's Resistance Army as Brigade

Commander of the Sinia Brigade; who is believed to be a national of Uganda; and who is

alleged in the Prosecutor's application to have committed crimes within the jurisdiction

of the Court, namely crimes against humanity and war crimes under articles 5, 7 and 8

of the Statute, as specified in the Warrant;

**REQUESTS** the Registrar, in consultation with the Prosecutor, to transmit this Request,

and the enclosed documentation as required by article 91, paragraph 2, of the Statute, to

the Republic of Sudan, with a view to its execution;

**REQUESTS** the Registrar to provide and handle any information relating to the

Prosecutor's application, this Request and subsequent proceedings in a manner that

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protects the safety or physical or psychological well-being of any victims, potential

witnesses and their families, in particular those mentioned in the Prosecutor's

application, in accordance with articles 68 and 87, paragraph 4, of the Statute;

**REQUESTS** the Registrar, in consultation and cooperation with the Prosecutor, to take

any measures, including relocation and measures related to the protection of

information, as may be necessary or appropriate to ensure the safety or physical or

psychological well-being of any victims, potential witnesses and members of their

families, in particular of those mentioned in the Prosecutor's application, pursuant to

articles 68 and 87, paragraph 4, of the Statute;

REQUESTS the Registrar, in consultation and cooperation with the Prosecutor, to take

any other measures which may be necessary or appropriate to prevent the disclosure of

the identity or whereabouts of any victims, potential witnesses and members of their

families, in particular of those mentioned in the Prosecutor's application;

REQUESTS the Victims and Witnesses Unit, in accordance with regulation 41 of the

Regulations, to draw any matter to the attention of the Chamber where protective or

special measures under rules 87 and 88 of the Rules require consideration;

**REQUESTS** the Registrar to consult the Prosecutor with regard to any documents,

statements or information which may need to be attached to this Request in order to

meet the requirements for the surrender process in the Republic of Sudan, as

appropriate, pursuant to article 91, paragraph 2 (c), of the Statute;

**INVITES** the Prosecutor to cooperate fully with the Registrar with a view to facilitating

the transmission of this Request to the Republic of Sudan and its execution;

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**REQUESTS** the Registrar to promptly refer to the Chamber for further direction any

difficulty that may arise in the execution of this Request;

INVITES the Republic of Sudan to treat this Request and the enclosed documentation

confidentially, and to handle any information pertaining thereto in a manner that

protects the safety or physical or psychological well-being of any victims, potential

witnesses and their families;

**REQUESTS** the Registrar to take steps to ensure that **DOMINIC ONGWEN** receives a

copy of the Warrant in a language that he fully understands and speaks, pursuant to

rules 117, sub-rule 1, and 187 of the Rules;

**REQUESTS** furthermore the Registrar to take steps to ensure that **DOMINIC** 

**ONGWEN** be informed, at the time of his arrest and in a language he fully understands

and speaks, of his rights in accordance with the provisions of the Statute and the Rules,

as specified in the Warrant;

**REQUESTS** the Registrar to draw the attention of **DOMINIC ONGWEN** to his right to

apply to the competent authority in the custodial State for interim release pending

surrender pursuant to article 59, paragraph 3, of the Statute, as well as to his right to

apply for interim release upon his surrender to the Court and pending trial pursuant to

article 60, paragraph 2, of the Statute;

**INVITES** the Republic of Sudan to inform the Registrar of any request or requirement

that may delay the execution of the Warrant;

**INVITES** the Republic of Sudan to inform the Registrar when **DOMINIC ONGWEN** is

available for surrender to the Court;

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**INVITES** furthermore the Republic of Sudan to notify the Chamber of any request for

interim release;

**DIRECTS** the Registrar to keep the Chamber informed of any difficulties in transmitting

this Request and in executing the Warrant and to ensure that, once ordered to be

surrendered by the custodial State, **DOMINIC ONGWEN** is delivered to the Court as

soon as possible, pursuant to article 59, paragraph 7, of the Statute;

**DIRECTS** furthermore the Registrar, in transmitting this Request, to attach to it the

following documents:

a copy of the Warrant and its annexes, in particular the relevant provisions of the

Statute and the Rules concerning the rights of a person whose arrest is sought, as

well as their translation in a language that DOMINIC ONGWEN fully

understands and speaks;

any other document which may be necessary to meet the requirements of the

surrender process in the Republic of Sudan, as appropriate, pursuant to article 91,

paragraph 2(c), of the Statute;

**AUTHORISES** this Request to be made available and disclosed to persons or entities

designated by the authorities of the Republic of Sudan and only for the purposes of the

assistance requested;

**ORDERS** that this Request, in all other respects, be kept under seal until further order

by the Chamber;

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Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade Presiding Judge

Maus Polit.

Judge Mauro Politi

Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra

Dated this 27th day of September 2005

At The Hague, The Netherlands

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