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## PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, Presiding

Judge Tomoko Akane

Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez

## SITUATION IN UGANDA IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. JOSEPH KONY

## **Public**

Order to initiate notification efforts and related outreach activities

Decision to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

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**Legal Representatives of Applicants** 

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**Victims Participation and Reparations** 

Section

Other

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

issues this order instructing the Registry to initiate notification efforts with the aim to

inform Mr Kony of the charges against him and to start related outreach activities.

1. On 23 November 2023, the Chamber issued its 'Decision on the Prosecution's

request to hold a confirmation of charges hearing in the Kony case in the suspect's

absence', in which it instructed the Prosecution to file a document containing the

charges it intends to present against Mr Kony; and the Registry to submit a plan

indicating the outreach activities and notification efforts it would pursue to inform Mr

Kony of such charges.

2. On 18 December 2023, the Chamber received the 'Registry's Proposed Plan on

Outreach Activities and Notification Efforts' (the 'Registry's Plan)<sup>2</sup> and on 19 January

2024, the Prosecution submitted the document containing the charges ('DCC').<sup>3</sup>

3. The Registry's Plan outlines two set of measures. On the one hand, it proposes a

course of action to try to notify Mr Kony of the charges in the DCC. On the other hand,

it contains outreach activities 'intended to convey and disseminate information about

the charges against Mr Kony, in targeted efforts aimed at reaching out to him'.<sup>4</sup>

4. Having received the DCC, and without prejudice to the Chamber's assessment of

the content of this document and the charges, the Chamber instructs the Registry to use

the DCC and initiate its proposed plan on notification efforts and outreach activities.

Noting the length of the DCC, which contains 36 charges, the Chamber considers a

summary to be necessary for certain outreach activities, such as radio broadcast and

publication in media outlets. Accordingly, to facilitate this process, the Chamber hereby

provides a summary of the DCC to be used for outreach activities that involve limited

time or space to convey a message. The summary is annexed to the present order and

will be translated by the Registry into Acholi. Where possible, the Registry shall aim

to convey the charges against Mr Kony as they are contained in the DCC.

<sup>1</sup> ICC-02/04-01/05-466.

<sup>2</sup> ICC-02/04-01/05-473.

<sup>3</sup> ICC-<u>02/04-01/05-474</u>.

<sup>4</sup> ICC-02/04-01/05-473, Annex I.

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- 5. As to the notification efforts, the Registry must take all reasonable steps to inform Mr Kony of the charges as described in the DCC. In addition, the Registry shall ensure that the DCC, as well as its translation to Acholi, is easily accessible on the Court's website.
- 6. The Registry is instructed to submit a report on the progress of the notification efforts and outreach activities within four week from the present decision.

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## FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

**ORDERS** the Registry to initiate notification efforts and outreach activities in accordance with this order; and

**ORDERS** the Registry to report to the Chamber within four weeks from the notification of the present order.

Done in English. A French translation will follow. The English version remains authoritative.

Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala

Presiding

Judge Tomoko Akane

Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez

Dated this Friday, 26 January 2024

At The Hague, The Netherlands

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