

Annex 3

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Script for Victims Focus Groups

Topic: Legal Representation of victims during the confirmation of charges (in absentia) hearing

1. Do the victims present want to participate before the International Criminal Court (ICC) as victims' participants during the in-absentia confirmation of charges hearing in the Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony case?

2. What qualities do the victims consider their legal representative must have?

- Honesty and transparency
- Empathy and compassion
- Knowledge of the ICC proceedings and Victims' Rights
- Ethical Integrity
- Sufficient Availability (ensure ample time to represent victims throughout the proceedings)
- Contextual Understanding of LRA-UPDF Conflict (In-depth knowledge of the conflict and the victims' circumstances)
- Robust Understanding of Human Rights (Comprehensive knowledge of human rights, including those of victims and survivors)
- Excellent communication skills (Attentive and responsive to victims' needs and concerns)
- Language Proficiency (Able to communicate effectively in the victims' language)
- Demonstrated experience and commitment towards working with victims and survivors in vulnerable conditions
- Able to represent victims free of charge during the proceedings

Other comments:

3. Do the victims already have legal representation?

4. Do the victims want the VPRS to assist them explaining the available options to obtain legal representation?

5. If the victims are participating in the case of The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen and have legal representation in that case:

- They would like to be represented in the case Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony by the same team of lawyers.
- The victims would like to change their legal representative

Comments: