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- 1 International Criminal Court
- 2 Trial Chamber I
- 3 Situation: Darfur, Sudan
- 4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman
- 5 ("Ali Kushayb") ICC-02/05-01/20
- 6 Presiding Judge Joanna Korner, Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou and Judge Althea Violet
- 7 Alexis-Windsor
- 8 Trial Hearing Courtroom 2
- 9 Tuesday, 5 July 2022
- 10 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.31 a.m.)
- 11 THE COURT USHER: [9:31:04] All rise.
- 12 International Criminal Court is now in session.
- 13 Please be seated.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:31:21] Yes, good morning.
- 15 Can we have the case called, please.
- 16 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:31:29] Good morning, Madam President. Good
- 17 morning, your Honours.
- 18 This is the situation in Darfur, Sudan, in the case of The Prosecutor versus
- 19 Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman, case reference ICC-02/05-01/20.
- 20 And for the record, we're in open session.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:31:51] Yeah. Appearances. We'll start with
- the Defence this morning.
- 23 MR LAUCCI: [9:31:56] Good morning, Madam President, your Honours. In
- 24 addition to Mr Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman this morning in the courtroom,
- 25 my colleague Mr Mohammad El Rahi, assistant in charge of the review of evidence;

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- 1 Counsel Iain Edwards; and myself, Cyril Laucci.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:32:09] Yes, thank you, Mr Laucci. I'm glad to see
- 3 the mask has gone.
- 4 All right. Yes, representatives of the victims then next.
- 5 MR SHAH: [9:32:18] Yes. Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,
- 6 your Honours. Good morning to everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 7 The participating victims are represented today by my colleague Idriss Anbari, and
- 8 myself, Anand Shah, associate counsel. Thank you.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:32:32] Yes, thank you, Mr Shah.
- 10 Yes, and finally Prosecution.
- 11 MR NICHOLLS: [9:32:35] Good morning, Madam President. Good morning,
- 12 your Honours. Good morning, everyone. Today it's me, Julian Nicholls, with
- 13 Mr Jeremy, Ms Mazzarella, Ms Sabatini, Ms Whitford and Mr Elkholy. Thank you.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:32:49] Yeah, a lot of you here this morning.
- 15 MR NICHOLLS: [9:32:53] Yes, I know.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:32:54] All right.
- 17 Before the witness comes in, first of all, I understand he has some medical problem
- 18 which may require extra breaks.
- 19 I don't know, Mr Jeremy, whether that's -- you know anything about that.
- 20 MR JEREMY: [9:33:09] No specific details, but I saw that recommendation as well.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:13] All right. Well, I think -- I think I'll simply
- tell him, if he wants a break, to raise his hand.
- 23 MR JEREMY: [9:33:19] And I think that will be fine. We certainly were not -- were
- 24 having hour-and-a-half sessions during our witness prep.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:25] Right. Yes. Thank you.

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- 1 We discussed the question of the cultural expert after court yesterday, and we have
- 2 concluded that we -- we rather regret not asking the last witness a few questions more
- 3 about cultural matters, but we think we can cover what we would like to know
- 4 through some of the upcoming witnesses. And if necessary, and I merely float this,
- 5 we may ask for the recall at the end of -- what was he called?
- 6 JUDGE ALEXIS-WINDSOR: Professor de Waal.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:58] Thank you. The --
- 8 JUDGE ALEXIS-WINDSOR: [9:34:02] Professor de Waal.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: I still can't hear. Never mind. The chap who
- 10 testified first of all.
- 11 JUDGE ALEXIS-WINDSOR: [9:34:14] Professor de Waal.
- 12 MR NICHOLLS: [9:34:17] Alex de Waal.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:34:20] de Waal. Thank you. There are -- there
- 14 are times when my memory goes.
- 15 All right. As I say, but seeing the difficulties that both sides have encountered, we'll
- 16 say we don't require an expert.
- 17 Yes. Unless there's any other matters, the witness can come into court.
- 18 Can he read?
- 19 MR JEREMY: [9:34:43] Yes. Yes, Madam President.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:34:45] So he can take the oath --
- 21 MR JEREMY: Yes.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:34:45] -- and the declaration. Right.
- 23 MR JEREMY: [9:34:50] And just -- just while the witness is coming in, I anticipate
- 24 that the majority of the testimony will need to be in private session.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:35:06] Now we've got the interpretation problem

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- 1 again.
- 2 (The witness enters the courtroom)
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:35:54] Yes. Good morning, sir. Can you hear
- 4 and understand me?
- 5 I'll start again.
- 6 Sir, can you hear and understand what I'm saying to you? Could you say yes or no,
- 7 please.
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- 9 (The witness speaks Arabic)
- 10 THE WITNESS: [9:36:15](Interpretation) Yes, I can hear you very well.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:36:17] Thank you.
- 12 In a moment you will start giving evidence. Before you do start, you will be asked to
- read the solemn declaration to tell the truth. There will be, as I've no doubt you've
- been told sorry breaks during the course of your evidence. And if -- the breaks
- this morning will be at 11 o'clock for half an hour, and then at 1 o'clock for one and
- 16 a half hours.
- 17 However, if you require any other breaks, then just raise your hand and the Court
- 18 will give you those extra breaks.
- 19 And finally this: It is very, very important during the course of any break, whether
- 20 it is a short break, or longer, or overnight, that you do not discuss the evidence that
- 21 you are giving with anybody else. Do you understand that?
- 22 THE WITNESS: [9:37:49](Interpretation) Yes, I do understand that.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:37:52] Yes. Thank you very much.
- 24 In which case I'll ask you to read the solemn declaration and then Mr Jeffreys will
- 25 begin his examination.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: [9:38:24](Interpretation) I solemnly declare that I will tell the truth,
- 2 the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:38:34] Yes. Mr Jeremy, with apologies, again.
- 4 Not a good morning.
- 5 MR JEREMY: [9:38:43] Thank you, Madam President.
- 6 QUESTIONED BY MR JEREMY:
- 7 Q. [9:38:48] Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 8 A. [9:38:51] Good morning.
- 9 Q. [9:38:52] Now, sir, we met during the witness preparation session. But, for the
- 10 record, my name is Edward Jeremy, and I'll be asking you questions on behalf of
- 11 the Prosecution today.
- 12 Just a reminder to you to speak slowly and clearly when you provide answers to my
- 13 questions. We must also leave a pause between my question and your answer, and I
- must remember to leave a pause between your answer and my next question.
- 15 And as I mentioned during the witness preparation session, the Trial Chamber has
- approved the use of protective measures for you in this case, including face distortion
- 17 and voice distortion.
- 18 Is that clear to you, sir?
- 19 A. [9:40:03] Yes, this is very clear to me.
- 20 Q. [9:40:07] Okay. Now, I'm going to start with some questions on your
- 21 background, which will require us to go into private session.
- 22 And, Madam President, with my -- yeah, apologies, I think a large proportion of this
- 23 witness's testimony will need to be in private session because most of the evidence he
- 24 is able to give arises by virtue of his position and would tend to identify him on that

25 basis.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:40:44] Yeah. I mean, we don't have an
- 2 overwhelming number of people in the public gallery. Is there anything that -- that
- 3 can be said in public session? I mean, if there isn't, then we may as well start and
- 4 stay in private session.
- 5 MR JEREMY: [9:41:04] There is -- there is something that we can do in public session,
- 6 but that will be towards the end of the examination at the end of the day, I anticipate.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:41:15] Yeah, all right. Well, then, so that nobody
- 8 wastes their time in the public gallery, we'll go into private session. And as anybody
- 9 has heard, it's unlikely that we'll be in public session until near the end of the day.
- 10 All right. Private session, please.
- 11 (Private session at 9.41 a.m.)
- 12 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:41:44] We're in private session, Madam President.
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- 17 (The hearing ends in private session at 3.59 p.m.)