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TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Joanna Korner, Presiding Judge
Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou
Judge Althea Violet Alexis-Windsor

SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN

***IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR v. ALI MUHAMMAD ALI ABD-AL-RAHMAN ('ALI
KUSHAYB')***

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Associate Counsel's Request for leave to withdraw from the proceedings

Source: The Common Legal Representative of Victims

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1. Associate Counsel on the Common Legal Representative of Victims (“CLRVT”) Team¹ respectfully requests Trial Chamber I’s leave to withdraw from the proceedings, in accordance with Regulation 82 of the Regulations of the Court.
2. Associate Counsel’s withdrawal was discussed and agreed with both the CLRVT and the Registry’s Counsel Support Section in December 2024, following the conclusion of the trial stage of the *Abd-Al-Rahman* proceedings, and further to the relevant provisions of the Court’s legal aid policy.²
3. If leave is granted, Associate Counsel’s withdrawal would take effect by 1 April 2025, which will allow for the completion of certain ongoing matters.
4. Associate Counsel hereby confirms that in the event of withdrawal, he would strictly adhere to his obligations under Article 8 of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel, as well as related provisions of the Rome Statute and Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and the Trial Chamber’s relevant orders.

Respectfully submitted,



Anand Ajay Shah, Associate Counsel
Common Legal Representative of Victims Team

Dated this 27 February 2025

At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹ Associate Counsel’s mandate commenced in January 2022. In decision 683-Conf-Exp (PRV: [683-Red](#)) of 5 May 2022, “[t]he Chamber decide[d] that, going forward, Ms von Wistinghausen and Mr Shah, shall continue to represent all participating victims in the present case” (para. 22). The Chamber subsequently noted in its decisions admitting victim applicants that “the team representing the participating victims is presently composed of Ms von Wistinghausen and Mr Shah” (see, e.g., 3 October 2022, [ICC-02/05-01/20-761](#), fn. 13).

² The Court’s current legal aid policy (“LAP”), which came into force on 1 January 2024, does not provide the possibility for the appointment of an associate counsel on a legal representative of victims team ([ICC-ASP/22/9](#), 22 November 2023, Table 2). Associate Counsel’s existing mandate was permitted to continue under the LAP as a transitional measure until the conclusion of the trial stage of the proceedings (LAP, para. 15), with an additional limited grace period granted to facilitate the smooth functioning of the CLRVT Team.