

**Cour
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**International
Criminal
Court**

Original: English

No. ICC-02/05-01/20

Date: 3 March 2025

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')***

Public

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

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

☒ **The Office of the Prosecutor**

☒ **Counsel for the Defence**

Abd-Al-Rahman Defence

☒ **Legal Representatives of the Victims**
Common Legal Representative of Victims

☐ **Legal Representatives of the Applicants**

☐ **Unrepresented Victims**

☐ **Unrepresented Applicants**
(Participation/Reparation)

☐ **The Office of Public Counsel for Victims**

☐ **The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence**

☐ **States' Representatives**

☐ **Amicus Curiae**

REGISTRY

Registrar

Mr Osvaldo Zavala Giler

☐ **Counsel Support Section**

☐ **Victims and Witnesses Unit**

☐ **Detention Section**

☐ **Victims Participation and Reparations Section**

☐ **Other**

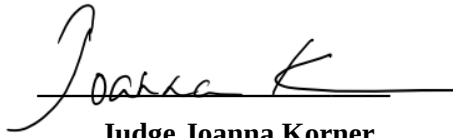
1. On 3 February 2022, the Registry notified Trial Chamber I (the ‘Chamber’) of Mr Anand Shah (‘Mr Shah’)'s appointment as Associate Counsel on the team of the Common Legal Representative of Victims.¹
2. On 27 February 2025, Mr Shah requested the Chamber's leave to withdraw as Associate Counsel on the team of the Common Legal Representative of Victims as of 1 April 2025, pursuant to Regulation 82 of the Regulations of the Court (the ‘Request’).²
3. The Chamber notes that Mr Shah's withdrawal was discussed and agreed with Lead Counsel, Ms von Wistinghausen, as well as the Registry's Counsel Support Section.³ The Chamber further notes that Mr Shah has confirmed that he will adhere to his obligations under Article 8 of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel and other relevant legal texts of the Court and orders of this Chamber, in the event of withdrawal.⁴
4. In light of these circumstances, the Chamber does not deem it necessary to receive any responses from the parties. The Chamber finds that Mr Shah's withdrawal will not affect the fairness and expeditiousness of the proceedings and therefore grants the Request.
5. The Chamber is grateful for Mr Shah's attendance in the present case and wishes to note that he has conducted the proceedings as Associate Counsel on the team of the Common Legal Representative of Victims with skill and efficiency.

¹ Notification of the appointment of Mr Anand Shah as Associate Counsel to the team of Legal Representatives of Victims, ICC-02/05-01/20-577.

² Associate Counsel's Request for leave to withdraw from the proceedings, ICC-02/05-01/20-1224.

³ Request, ICC-02/05-01/20-1224, para. 2.

⁴ Request, ICC-02/05-01/20-1224, para. 4.

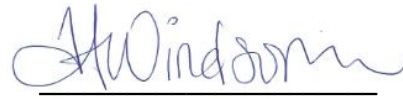


Judge Joanna Korner

Presiding Judge



Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou



Judge Althea Violet Alexis-Windsor

Dated this 3 March 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands