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TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera, Presiding Judge
Judge Kimberly Prost
Judge Nicolas Guillou

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR v. BOSCO NTAGANDA

Public

**Fourth decision on the VPRS determinations of victims' eligibility for reparations
and priority status**

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**

☐ **Legal Representatives of the 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**

☐ **State's Representatives**

☒ **Trust Fund for Victims**

Registrar
Mr Osvaldo Zavala Giler

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☐ **Victims and Witnesses Unit**

☐ **Detention Section**

☒ **Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

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Section**

Trial Chamber II (the ‘Chamber’) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*, having regard to article 75 of the Rome Statute, issues this ‘Fourth decision on the VPRS determination of victims’ eligibility for reparations and priority status’.

1. On 8 March 2021, Trial Chamber VI delivered the Reparations Order.¹
2. On 14 July 2023, the Chamber, in a prior composition, issued the Addendum to the Reparations Order of 8 March 2021,² in which it, *inter alia*, detailed the substantive aspects of the procedure for carrying out the eligibility assessment of victims at the implementation stage.³
3. On 11 August 2023, the Chamber, in a prior composition, issued the ‘First Decision on the Trust Fund for Victims’ Draft Implementation Plan for Reparations’, in which it, *inter alia*, tasked the Registry, through the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (the ‘VPRS’), with carrying out the administrative eligibility assessment of beneficiaries for reparations.⁴
4. On 20 August 2024, 3 December 2024 and 14 February 2025, the Chamber issued decisions on the VPRS determinations of victims’ eligibility for reparations and priority status.⁵
5. On 28 February 2025, the Registry submitted its ‘Third Registry Periodic Report on Eligibility for Reparations and Priority Treatment Determinations’ (the ‘Third Registry

¹ Reparations Order, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2659](#).

² Addendum to the Reparations Order of 8 March 2021, ICC-01/04-02/06-2659, ICC-01/04-02/06-2858-Conf (public redacted version filed on the same date, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2858-Red](#); with public annex I, confidential *ex parte* and confidential Annex II, and public annex III) (the ‘Addendum’).

³ Addendum, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2858-Red](#), paras 34-148.

⁴ First Decision on the Trust Fund for Victims’ Draft Implementation Plan for Reparations, ICC-01-04-02/06-2860-Conf (public redacted version filed on 30 August 2023, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2860-Red](#)), para. 185(a). *See also*, Second Decision on the Trust Fund for Victims’ Draft Implementation Plan for Reparations, ICC-01/04-02/06-2894-Conf (public redacted version filed on the same date, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2894-Red](#)), in which the Chamber, in a prior composition, instructed the Registry to file, every four months, an update report on the eligibility determinations made on the victims’ dossiers for reparations; Decision on the First Registry Periodic Report on Eligibility Determinations for Reparations, ICC-01/04-02/06-2904-Conf (public redacted version filed on the same date, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2904-Red](#)) (the ‘Decision on the First Periodic Report’), para. 9, in which the Chamber approved the Registry’s proposal of submitting interim eligibility determinations in batches of 50 victims’ dossiers in addition to its quarterly periodic reports, to facilitate faster integration of victims into the Initial Draft Implementation Plan programme.

⁵ Decision on the First Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2904-Red](#); Decision on the Second Registry Periodic Report on Eligibility Determinations for Reparations, 3 December 2024, ICC-01/04-02/06-2910-Conf (public redacted version filed on 13 January 2025, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2910-Red](#)) (the ‘Decision on the Second Periodic Report’); Third decision on the VPRS determinations of victims’ eligibility for reparations and priority status, 14 February 2025, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2914](#) (the ‘Third Decision on victims’ eligibility’).

Periodic Report’),⁶ in which it informed the Chamber that, for the reporting period between October 2024 to February 2025, the VPRS identified 304 victims as eligible for reparations.⁷ According to the VPRS, of the 304 potential beneficiaries identified, 246 are child soldiers victims⁸ and 58 are victims of the attacks.⁹ Among the victims of the attacks, the VPRS has identified 12 priority victims.¹⁰

6. Having considered the Registry’s submissions, the Chamber hereby endorses the eligibility determination of the 304 victims identified by the VPRS as eligible for reparations as well as the priority status of 12 of the victims.¹¹ The Chamber notes that, following this approval, the total number of positive eligibility determinations for reparations is now 1,549 victims.¹²
7. Lastly, the Chamber notes with concern the continued deteriorating security situation in the Ituri region and the challenges it poses to reparations’ activities.¹³ The Chamber commends the Registry for its work amidst the reported difficulties and invites it to provide an update to the Chamber in its next report.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

ENDORSES the Registry’s eligibility determination of the 304 victims for reparations as referred in paragraph 6 above.

⁶ Third Registry Periodic Report on Eligibility for Reparations and Priority Treatment Determinations (with Confidential *ex parte* Annexes I, II and III, available only to the TFV), [ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Red](#).

⁷ Third Registry Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Red](#), paras 18, 35.

⁸ Third Registry Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Red](#), para. 18; Annex III to the Third Registry Periodic Report, ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Conf-Exp-AnxIII.

⁹ Third Registry Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Red](#), para. 18; Annex I to the Third Registry Periodic Report, ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Conf-Exp-AnxI; Annex II to the Third Registry Periodic Report, ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Conf-Exp-AnxII.

¹⁰ Third Registry Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Red](#), paras 18, 19; Annex I to the Third Registry Periodic Report, ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Conf-Exp-AnxI.

¹¹ Third Registry Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Red](#), paras 18, 30.

¹² Decision on the First Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2904-Red](#), para. 8; Decision on the Second Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2910-Red](#), para. 6; Third decision on victims’ eligibility, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2914](#), para. 5.

¹³ Third Registry Periodic Report, [ICC-01/04-02/06-2916-Red](#), paras 27-30.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera
Presiding Judge



Judge Kimberly Prost



Judge Nicolas Guillou

Dated 13 March 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands