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TRIAL CHAMBER II

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

SITUATION IN UGANDA

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. DOMINIC ONGWEN***

Public

**Order scheduling a status conference relating to the Registry's request for extension
of time**

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**

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

☐ **Unrepresented victims**

☐ **Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparation**

☒ **Trust Fund for Victims**

☒ **States' Representatives**

Competent authorities of the Republic of
Uganda

REGISTRY

Registrar

Mr Osvaldo Zavala Giler

☐ **Counsel Support Section**

☐ **Victims and Witnesses Unit**

☐ **Detention Section**

☒ **Victims Participation and
Reparations Section**

☒ **Public Information and Outreach
Section**

Trial Chamber II (the ‘Chamber’) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen*, having regard to article 64(6)(f) and 75 of the Rome Statute, regulations 35 and 81(4) of the Regulations of the Court (the ‘Regulations’) as well as rules 96 and 132 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, issues the following ‘Order scheduling a status conference relating to the Registry’s request for extension of time’.

1. On 28 February 2024, Trial Chamber IX issued the ‘Reparations Order’ (the ‘Order’), in which it, *inter alia*, instructed the Registry, through the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (the ‘VPRS’), to complete the administrative eligibility process of victims, including outreach, identification, and eligibility assessment, within two years, *i.e.* by 2 March 2026.¹
2. On 2 April 2024, the Registry filed its submissions pursuant to the Reparations Order² in which it, in relation to the eligibility assessments of all potential beneficiaries, indicated that it considered the two-year deadline set to identify the 49,772 estimated total number of victims as ‘very optimistic’.³
3. On 30 October 2025, the Registry submitted its ‘Registry Request for Extension of Time’⁴ (the ‘Extension of Time Request’), in which it requested an extension of time for the VPRS to continue its administrative eligibility process ‘as deemed appropriate by the Chamber’.⁵
4. On 6 November 2025, the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (the ‘OPCV’) submitted that it did not oppose an extension of the deadline for a maximum of one year.⁶
5. On 19 December 2025, the Chamber issued an order suspending the initial deadline of 2 March 2026 and ordered the Registry to provide additional submissions on the extension of

¹ [Order](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2074 (with confidential *ex parte* Annex I, only available to the Legal Representatives of Victims, the Common Legal Representative of Victims, the Defence, and the Registry, and public Annexes II and III), paras 810(a), 813.

² Registry Submissions pursuant to Reparations Order ICC-02/04-01/15-2074 ICC-02/04-01/15-2082, (the ‘[Registry Submissions](#)’).

³ [Registry Submissions](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2082, para. 26.

⁴ [Registry Request for Extension of Time](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2111.

⁵ [Registry Request for Extension of Time](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2111, paras 2, 23-24.

⁶ CLRV’s Response to the Registry Request for Extension of Time, ICC-02/04-01/15-2113 (the ‘[CLRV Response](#)’), paras 7-8.

time to continue its administrative eligibility process by 31 January 2026.⁷ The TFV and the OPCV were invited to submit any observations on this topic by the same deadline.⁸

6. On 2 February 2026, the Registry filed additional submissions on the extension of time request to continue its administrative eligibility process (the ‘Registry Additional Submissions’),⁹ and the TFV submitted its observations.¹⁰ The OPCV did not file any observations. In its additional submissions, the Registry sets out its projected timeline for the completion of these three consecutive steps, which are to run in parallel, *i.e.* 2.7, 4.5 and 6.5 years respectively.¹¹ To further enhance efficiency, the Registry proposes setting separate deadlines for identifying new potential beneficiaries of reparations and for completing the eligibility assessment process,¹² as suggested by the Chamber.¹³
7. To reach its decision on the Extension of Time Request, the Chamber considers it necessary to obtain an update from the VPRS and the TFV on the ongoing eligibility assessment process and for the Chamber to receive information from the VPRS, the TFV, the OPCV and the Public Information and Outreach Section (the ‘PIOS’) as to any changes that can be made to improve the efficiency of the eligibility assessment process. The Chamber hereby convenes a status conference, which is to be held on 30 April 2025, at 09:30.
8. The Chamber will first hear submissions from the VPRS and the TFV. The other participants will have an opportunity to respond and to make additional submissions. The following questions are of particular interest to the Chamber:

I. VPRS

- How has the identification of new beneficiaries for reparations, the assessment of victims’ eligibility as well as the notification of applicants progressed since the Registry Additional Submissions of 2 February 2026?

⁷ Order for the Registry to submit further information on the VPRS’ request for extension of time, ICC-02/04-01/15-2114 (the ‘[Order for additional submissions](#)’), para. 10, p. 9.

⁸ [Order for additional submissions](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2114, paras 14-15.

⁹ Additional Registry Submissions on the Time Extension Request, ICC-02/04-01/15-2116 (the ‘[Registry’s additional submissions](#)’).

¹⁰ Trust Fund for Victims’ Observations on Registry Request for Extension of Time, ICC-02/04-01/15-2115 (‘[TFV’s observations](#)’).

¹¹ [Registry’s additional submissions](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2116, para. 6.

¹² [Registry’s additional submissions](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2116, para. 14.

¹³ [Order for additional submissions](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2114, para. 13.

- In paragraph 10 of the Registry Additional Submissions, the Registry mentioned ongoing initiatives to further optimize the process as well as innovations and procedural amendments and updates planned in mid-February 2026 and expected to take full effect in March 2026. Can the VPRS specify how these developments have accelerated the process of identification, assessment and notification? On the basis of these improvements, may the VPRS determine a new, narrower timeframe or new monthly numerical projections – keeping in mind the victims’ rights and interests?
- While the Chamber is mindful that the victims in this case are numerous, the situation in the Republic of Uganda throughout the last years has remained relatively stable, accessibility and participation do not present significant challenges and there exists a well-established cooperation with the Ugandan authorities. Against this background, can the VPRS propose further solutions to accelerate the process of identification, assessment and notification?
- Does the VPRS foresee further innovative measures to accelerate the process?

II. TFV

- As the Chamber is mindful that the TFV is informed by institutional knowledge in the context of the situation in Uganda and has implemented programmes pursuant to regulation 50(a) Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims (‘TFV Regulations’) since 2008, could the TFV propose other innovative measures to accelerate the process?
- In paragraph 12 of the Registry Additional Submissions, the VPRS states that it is closely cooperating with TFV in terms of innovation. How can the TFV assist in accelerating the process besides the mentioned features? In particular, are there any points in the process where further cooperation between the TFV and the VPRS could improve efficiencies, for example in relation to the notification of victims?
- Can the TFV assess how an extended timeline, as outlined by the VPRS in its additional submission, may affect the implementation phase to be carried out by the TFV?¹⁴

¹⁴ See [TFV’s observations](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2115, para. 55.

- Can the TFV propose innovations that could accelerate the implementation stage of the proceeding?

9. The Chamber notes that it may ask further questions of the participants.

10. The submissions will, in principle, be presented in public session. The Chamber will authorise private sessions for discrete instances where the parties and participants must refer to confidential information.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

SCHEDULES a status conference on the Registry's Extension of Time Request to be held on 30 April 2026, at 09:30; and

INVITES the VPRS, the TFV, the OPCV, the PIOS and the Government of the Republic of Uganda to participate in a status conference to discuss the extension of time request.

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 this 2 April 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands