

**Cour
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**International
Criminal
Court**

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No.: ICC-01/21-01/25

Date: 8 May 2026

TRIAL CHAMBER III

Before: Judge Joanna Korner, Presiding Judge
Judge Keebong Paek
Judge Nicolas Guillou

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR v. RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE*

Public

Decision on Request to Withdraw as Associate Counsel for Rodrigo Roa Duterte

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

☐ 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

TRIAL CHAMBER III (the ‘Chamber’) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Rodrigo Roa Duterte*, pursuant to Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court (the ‘Regulations’), issues this ‘Decision on Request to Withdraw as Associate Counsel for Rodrigo Roa Duterte’.

1. On 7 April 2025, the Registry informed Pre-Trial Chamber I of Mr Dov Jacobs’ appointment as Associate Counsel for Rodrigo Roa Duterte (the ‘Accused’).¹
2. On 7 May 2026, Mr Jacobs requested, pursuant to Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations, the Chamber’s leave to withdraw as Associate Counsel for the Accused as of 8 May 2026 (the ‘Request’).²
3. The Request indicates that the Accused has expressed an interest in reorganising his Defence team in anticipation for the trial phase of this case. The Request notes that Mr Jacobs’ withdrawal would not affect the continuity of the Accused’s legal representation which remains assured by Lead Counsel and the existing Defence team.
4. Having considered the present stage of the proceedings, and particularly noting that Lead Counsel continues to represent the Accused, the Chamber is of the view that no prejudice arises or inconvenience is caused by accepting Mr Jacobs’ withdrawal.
5. The Chamber reminds Mr Jacobs of his continuing obligations under the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel, as well as any confidentiality obligations under the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. The Chamber appreciates the assurances made by Mr Jacobs in this regard.

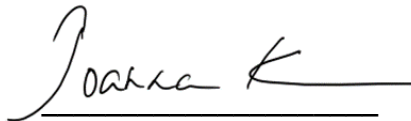
¹ Notification of the appointment of Mr. Dov Jacobs as Associate Counsel for Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte, ICC-01/21-01/25-106.

² Request for Withdrawal, ICC-01/21-01/25-429, para. 1.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

GRANTS the Request.

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



Judge Joanna Korner

Presiding Judge



Judge Keebong Paek



Judge Nicolas Guillou

Dated this **8 May 2026**

At The Hague, The Netherlands