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**International  
Criminal  
Court**

Original: **English**

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***

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**URGENT**

**Counsel's Request to Withdraw**

**Source:** Defence for Rodrigo Roa Duterte

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1. Counsel was originally engaged to represent Mr Duterte for the period of one year. This engagement terminated on 31 March 2026.
2. Yesterday, the Defence team visited Mr Duterte and documented both Mr Duterte's release of Counsel from his representation and his desire to hire replacement Counsel – Mr Peter Haynes.
3. Counsel has spoken to Mr Haynes who has indeed confirmed that he is ready willing and able to assume immediate representation and that his terms of engagement have been agreed. Counsel informed Mr Haynes of pending deadlines and Mr Haynes assured him that he will be able to attend the status conference set for 27 May 2026.
4. In light of the aforementioned, in accordance with Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court, I hereby respectfully request leave to withdraw as Counsel for Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte in the case of the *Prosecutor v. Rodrigo Roa Duterte* (ICC-01/21-01/25).
5. I am convinced that the continuity and efficacy of Mr Duterte's representation will remain assured through Mr Haynes, who has a wealth of experience at the International Criminal Court, and the existing defence team. Counsel thanks Mr Haynes for his extremely graceful, supportive and collegial approach.
6. In the event that leave is granted, I affirm that I will adhere to all relevant provisions of the Code of Professional Conduct concerning confidentiality and record-keeping provided for in Articles 8, 15, and 17.



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Nicholas Kaufman  
Counsel for Rodrigo Roa Duterte

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

At the Hague, the Netherlands