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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***

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Order for a joint report from the TFV and the VPRS on the notification process

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**

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 articles 64(6)(f) and 75 of the Rome Statute, and regulation 81(4) of the Regulations of the Court, issues the following ‘Order for a joint report from the TFV and the VPRS on the notification process’.

1. On 28 February 2024, Trial Chamber IX issued the ‘Reparations 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 30 October 2025, the Registry submitted its ‘Registry Request for Extension of Time’,² in which it requested an extension of time for the VPRS to continue its administrative eligibility process for a period ‘deemed appropriate by the Chamber’.³
3. On 30 April 2026, the Chamber held a status conference in relation to issues raised in the submissions related to the Extension of Time Request, during which the VPRS mentioned the possibility that the notification of eligible victims could be undertaken as a ‘joint effort’ between the VPRS and the TFV and stated that its discussion on this issue with the TFV has only just commenced.⁴ The Chamber also raised the issue of streamlining the process of notifications to eligible victims.⁵

¹ [Reparations 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 Request for Extension of Time](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2111.

³ [Registry Request for Extension of Time](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2111, paras 2, 23. The Chamber notes that 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, see [CLR’s Response to the Registry Request for Extension of Time](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2113, paras 7-8. On 19 December 2025, the Chamber issued an order suspending the initial 2 March 2026 deadline for the Registry to conclude the eligibility assessment process set in the Reparations Order, and ordered the Registry to provide additional submissions on its extension of time request by 31 January 2026; the Chamber also invited the Trust Fund for Victims (the ‘TFV’) and the OPCV to submit any observations on this topic by the same deadline, see [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’), paras 10, 14-15. On 2 February 2026, the Registry filed its additional submissions, see [Registry Additional Submissions on the Time Extension Request](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2116, and the TFV submitted its observations, see [Trust Fund for Victims’ Observations on Registry Request for Extension of Time](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2115. On 2 April 2026, the Chamber scheduled a status conference, seeking information from the participants on how to improve the efficiency of the eligibility assessment process, see [Order scheduling a status conference relating to the Registry’s request for extension of time](#), ICC-02/04-01/15-2117, para. 7.

⁴ See transcript of hearing, 30 April 2025, ICC-02/04-01/15-T-272 (hereinafter: ‘T-272’), p. 10, lines 8-19.

⁵ T-272, p. 17, line 18 to p. 18, line 4; p. 20, line 15 to p. 21, line 12.

4. On 7 May 2026, the TFV requested authorisation to make additional submissions on the issue of the notification of eligible victims as raised in the status conference.⁶ The TFV noted the importance of consulting with the VPRS and the OPCV on its proposals and sought leave to submit its additional observations by 29 May 2026.⁷
5. The same day, the OPCV submitted that it does not oppose the TFV's request and sought authorisation to respond to the TFV's additional submissions.⁸
6. The Chamber considers that receiving individual additional submissions on the issue of the notification of eligible beneficiaries at this time would not be of assistance. Rather, stressing the relevance of collaboration and noting that the TFV and the VPRS are currently discussing the issue, the Chamber considers that a joint report presenting proposals on eliminating duplication in the notification process and making the process more efficient, would be the most beneficial for the Chamber's deliberation.
7. Given that a joint proposal may take additional time to prepare as opposed to a submission from the TFV alone, the Chamber instructs the TFV and the VPRS to file this joint report by 15 June 2026. The OPCV may submit its response, if any, by 25 June 2026.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

INSTRUCTS the TFV and the VPRS to submit a joint report on the notification process, in line with the instruction in paragraph 6, by 15 June 2026; and

INSTRUCTS the OPCV to submit its response to the joint report, if any, by 25 June 2026.

⁶ Email from the TFV to the Chamber, 7 May 2026, at 13:37.

⁷ Email from the TFV to the Chamber, 7 May 2026, at 13:37.

⁸ Email from the OPCV to the Chamber, 7 May 2026, at 16:18.

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 15 May 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands