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**International
Criminal
Court**

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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

With Public Annexes I and II and Confidential Annex II

**Notification of the appointment of Ms Kate Gibson as Associate Counsel for
Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte**

Source: The Registry

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I. Introduction

1. The Registry hereby informs Trial Chamber III ("Chamber") that on 18 May 2026, Mr Peter Haynes KC ("Mr Haynes KC"), Counsel for Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte ("Mr Duterte") requested for Ms Kate Gibson ("Ms Gibson") to assist the defence team as Associate Counsel in the proceedings before the International Criminal Court ("the Court"). The appointment has been confirmed by the Registry on 18 May 2026, following Ms Gibson's acceptance of the appointment.

II. Procedural history

2. On 8 May 2026, Mr Nicholas Kaufman ("Mr Kaufman"), pursuant to regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court, requested the Chamber's "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)" ("Request").¹
3. On 11 May 2026, the Chamber granted the Request.²
4. On 15 May 2026, Mr Haynes KC was appointed as Counsel for Mr Duterte.³

III. Classification

5. The present submission and its Annex I are classified as public, whereas Annex II hereto is classified as confidential, in accordance with regulation 23*bis* of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC") as it contains private contact details of Ms Gibson.

¹ Defence for Rodrigo Roa Duterte, "Counsel's Request to Withdraw", ICC-01/21-01/25-432, 8 May 2026 ("Request"), para. 4.

² Trial Chamber III, "Decision on Request to Withdraw as Counsel for Rodrigo Roa Duterte", ICC-01/21-01/25-435, 11 May 2026.

³ Registry, "Notification of the appointment of Mr Peter Haynes KC as Counsel for Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte", ICC-01/21-01/25-441, dated 15 May 2026 and notified on 18 May 2026.

IV. Applicable Law

6. The following provisions are of particular relevance to the present submission: article 67(1)(d) of the Rome Statute, rules 21 and 22 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulations 23*bis*, 67, 69 of the RoC, regulation123 of the Regulations of the Registry and articles 5 and 8 of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel ("Code").

V. Submissions

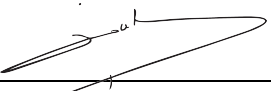
7. On 18 May 2026, the Registry received a request from Mr Haynes KC to appoint Ms Gibson as Associate Counsel with the defence team of Mr Duterte in the proceedings before the Court.
8. On the same day, 18 May 2026, Ms Gibson accepted the mandate, as required by article 11 of the Code.⁴ Also on 18 May 2026, the Registry officially formalized the appointment of Ms Gibson as Associate Counsel for Mr Duterte.⁵
9. Ms Gibson has previously executed the solemn undertakings as required under Article 5 of the Code, which remain valid throughout the proceedings before the Court.⁶

⁴ Annex I – Public - Acceptance of Appointment.

⁵ Annex II – Confidential – Letter of Appointment.

⁶ Registry, "Notification of the Appointment of Ms Kate Gibson as Associate Counsel for Mr Joseph Kony", ICC-02/04-01/05-528-AnxII, dated 27 September 2024 and notified on 30 September 2024.

10. Ms Gibson confirmed to the Registry that she does not have impediments to the representation of Mr Duterte in the proceedings before the Court or a conflict of interest in accordance with articles 12 and 16 of the Code.



Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Judicial Services
on behalf of
Osvaldo Zavala Giler

Dated this 18 May 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands