

**Cour
Pénale
Internationale**



**International
Criminal
Court**

Original: English

**No. ICC-RoC46(3)
Date: 1 September 2026**

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

**Before: Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, Presiding
Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez
Judge Haykel Ben Mahfoudh**

**REQUEST UNDER REGULATION 46(3) OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE
COURT**

Public

Decision dismissing *in limine* a request for investigation

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
Applicant**

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II of the International Criminal Court dismisses *in limine* a ‘Formal Communication Requesting Investigation into Systemic Kidnappings in Nigeria as Crimes Against Humanity’.

1. On 24 August 2026, the Registry transmitted to the President of the Pre-Trial Division a filing submitted by an individual, entitled ‘Formal Communication Requesting Investigation into Systemic Kidnappings in Nigeria as Crimes Against Humanity’.¹
2. On 26 August 2026, the Request was assigned to the Chamber by the President of the Pre-Trial Division.²
3. The Chamber considers that the Request is not properly before it as it lacks any legal basis.

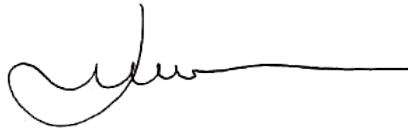
¹ Registry Transmission of ‘Formal Communication Requesting Investigation into Systemic Kidnappings in Nigeria as Crimes Against Humanity’, ICC-ROC46(3)-01/26-1-Conf, with confidential Annexes I and II. The communication addressed to the Pre-Trial Chamber is contained in Annex I.

² Decision assigning the ‘Formal Communication Requesting Investigation into Systemic Kidnappings in Nigeria as Crimes Against Humanity’, ICC-ROC46(3)-01/26-2.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

DISMISSES the Request *in limine*.

Done in English. A French translation will follow. The English version remains authoritative.



Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala

Presiding



**Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde
Godínez**



Judge Haykel Ben Mahfoudh

Dated this Tuesday, 1 September 2026.

At The Hague, The Netherlands.