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**International
Criminal
Court**

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No.: **ICC-02/05-03/09**

Date: **10 December 2013**

TRIAL CHAMBER IV

Before: Judge Joyce Aluoch, Presiding Judge
Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi
Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

SITUATION IN THE DARFUR, SUDAN

IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR*

v.

ABDALLAH BANDA ABAKAER NOURAIN

Public

**Defence Notification of Withdrawal of Mr. Nicholas Koumjian as counsel for Mr.
Banda in Case ICC-02/05-03/09**

Sources: Defence Team of Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain

Document to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Ms. Fatou Bensouda
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Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)**

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

**The Office of Public Counsel for the
Defence**

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Deputy Registrar

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

1. The defence for Mr. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain ("Defence") hereby formally notifies the Trial Chamber of the withdrawal of Mr. Nicholas Koumjian as a counsel for Mr. Banda in case ICC-02/05-03/09, effective 6 December 2013.
2. On 4 December 2013, Lead Counsel for Mr. Banda informed the Trial Chamber of Mr. Koumjian's withdrawal from the case due to Mr. Koumjian's appointment as the International Co-prosecutor of the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia ("ECCC").¹
3. On 6 December 2013, the Trial Chamber, noting Regulation 78 of the Regulations of the Court ("Withdrawal of defence counsel"),² informed the Defence that the Chamber authorised Mr. Koumjian's withdrawal from the case based on the information provided.³ The Chamber additionally directed the Defence to file this notification in the record of the case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Lead Counsel
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Dated this 10th day of December 2013
At Nairobi, Kenya

¹ Email from Lead Counsel to the Legal Advisor and Legal Officer of the Trial Chamber on 4 December 2013 at 15h26.

² Regulation 78 states: "Prior to withdrawal from a case, defence counsel shall seek the leave of the Chamber."

³ Email from the Legal Officer of the Trial Chamber to the Defence on 6 December 2013 at 13h07.