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Judge Raul C. Pangalangan

SITUATION IN UGANDA

IN THE CASE OF

THE PROSECUTOR v. DOMINIC ONGWEN

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**Prosecution's observations on 610 victim applications for participation, notified on
27 September 2016**

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Introduction

1. The Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”), in accordance with rule 89(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the procedure for evaluation of victim applications established in the case,¹ submits its observations on the 610 victim applications for participation transmitted to the Parties on 27 September 2016.² All 610 applicants meet the requirements for admission as victim participants in the case.

Procedural Background

2. During the pre-trial stage, 2026 victims were admitted to participate in the proceedings.³
3. On 30 May 2016, the Trial Chamber directed the Registry to transmit any further victim applications for participation at trial by 6 October 2016.⁴
4. On 2 September 2016, the Registry transmitted 300 victim applications. All were admitted to participate in the proceedings as of 19 September 2016.⁵
5. On 27 September 2016, the Registry transmitted an additional 610 victim applications, assessed as complete and linked to the case against Dominic Ongwen, to the Parties.⁶ They are the subject of this filing.

¹ ICC-02/04-01/15-432 in conjunction with ICC-02/04-01/15-299.

² ICC-02/04-01/15-544, registered 26.09.2016, notified 27.09.2016.

³ ICC-02/04-01/15-350, ICC-02/04-01/15-384.

⁴ ICC-02/04-01/15-449.

⁵ ICC-02/04-01/15-543, para. 6.

⁶ ICC-02/04-01/15-544.

6. Further 1183 victim applications were transmitted to the Parties on 7 October 2016.⁷ They are currently under review and the Prosecution will communicate its observations in a separate filing before the expiry of the deadline.

Analysis of the applications for participation

7. The Prosecution, in its review of the victim applications, continues to follow the practice established in the decisions of the Chamber at the pre-trial stage⁸ and as set out in the Prosecution's filings of 2 October 2015⁹ and 9 November 2015¹⁰.
8. In the Prosecution's assessment, all 610 applicants meet the requirements for admission as victim participants in the case.
9. None of the victim applicants included in the transmission of 27 September 2016 has been identified as a Prosecution trial witness.



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Dated this 11th day of October 2016
At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁷ ICC-02/04-01/15-556, registered 6.10.2016, notified 7.10.2016.

⁸ ICC-02/04-01/15-205, ICC-02/04-01/15-350 and ICC-02/04-01/15-384.

⁹ ICC-02/04-01/15-309, paras. 7-20.

¹⁰ ICC-02/04-01/15-337, para. 6.