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TRIAL CHAMBER IX

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge

SITUATION IN UGANDA

IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR* v. *DOMINIC ONGWEN*

Public

Order Regarding the Closing Statements

To be notified, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court*, to:

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Judge Bertram Schmitt, acting as Presiding Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber IX (the ‘Presiding Judge’ and ‘Chamber’, respectively) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen*, having regard to Rule 141(2) of the Rule of Procedure and Evidence, issues the following ‘Order Regarding the Closing Statements’.

1. On 13 April 2018, the Presiding Judge provided guidance as to the purpose of the closing briefs and announced the general timeline for the filing of the closing briefs and the closing statements.¹
2. On 23 October 2019, the Presiding Judge issued the date for the filing of the closing briefs and announced that the starting date for the closing statements will be 10 March 2020.²
3. On 12 December 2019, the Presiding Judge declared the submission of evidence to be closed.³
4. On 5 February 2020, the Single Judge extended the deadline for the filing of the closing briefs to 24 February 2020.⁴
5. The Presiding Judge hereby provides further instructions on the closing statements. The Office of the Prosecutor will have a period of 4.5 hours for its closing statement, which will be held on 10 March 2020.
6. The Common Legal Representatives of Victims and Legal Representatives of Victims (the ‘Victim Representatives’) will have a period of 1.5 hours each for their closing statements. The Victims representatives are to decide among themselves on the order for the statements. The statements will be held on 11 March 2020 from 9:30 to 11:00 o’clock (first statement) and 11:30 to 13:00 o’clock (second statement).
7. The Defence will have a period of 4.5 hours for its closing statement, which will be held on 12 March 2020.

¹ Directions on Closing Briefs and Closing Statements, ICC-02/04-01/15-1226, paras 3-9.

² Modification of Deadline Regarding Closing Briefs and Setting of Dates for Closing Statements, ICC-02/04-01/15-1645, para. 4.

³ Declaration on the Closure of the Submission of Evidence; ICC-02/04-01/15-1699.

⁴ Decision on Request to Extend the Deadline for the Filing of the Closing Briefs, ICC-02/04-01/15-1715.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE PRESIDING JUDGE HEREBY

ORDERS that the closing statements will be held as specified in paragraphs 5 to 7 above.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge

Dated 5 February 2020

At The Hague, The Netherlands