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**International  
Criminal  
Court**

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**TRIAL CHAMBER IX**

**Before:** Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge  
Judge Péter Kovács  
Judge Chang-ho Chung

**SITUATION IN UGANDA**

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

**Public**  
**With Confidential Annexes II and III and Public Annexes I and IV**  
**Notification of the Appointment of Mr Charles Achaleke Taku as Counsel for  
Mr Dominic Ongwen**

**Source:** The Registry

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

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Mr Colin Black

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**REGISTRY**

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**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

Mr Nigel Verrill

**Detention Section**

**Victims Participation and Reparations Section**

Mr Philipp Ambach

**Other**

Appeals Chamber

## **I. Introduction**

1. The Registry hereby informs the Trial Chamber IX that Mr Dominic Ongwen has appointed Mr Charles Achaleke Taku as Counsel to represent him in the proceedings before the International Criminal Court (“Court”). The appointment has been formalized by letter dated 6 June 2022, following the Counsel’s acceptance of the appointment.

## **II. Classification**

2. The present submission and its Annex I and IV are classified as public, whereas Annex II and III 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 Mr Taku.

## **III. Applicable Law**

3. The following provisions are of particular relevance to the present submissions: articles 43 and 67(1)(d) of the Rome Statute, rules 21 and 22 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulations 23*bis*, 67 of the RoC, regulations 123(1) of the Regulations of the Registry and articles 5, 11 and 22(3) of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel (“Code”).

## **IV. Submissions**

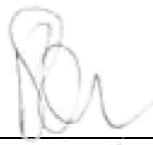
4. On 2 June 2022, Trial Chamber IX, in its “Decision on the Request to withdraw as Counsel for Dominic Ongwen”<sup>1</sup> (“Decision”) directed the Registry “to take all the necessary steps to promptly facilitate the appointment of Mr Taku as the new defence counsel for Mr Ongwen”.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Trial Chamber IX, “Decision on the Request to withdraw as Counsel for Dominic Ongwen”, 2 June 2022, ICC-02/04-01/15-1999 (“Decision”).

<sup>2</sup> Decision, page 4.

5. On 2 June 2022, the Registry received a document from Mr Ongwen and signed by him in which the latter appoints Mr Taku as Counsel in the proceedings before the Court.<sup>3</sup>
6. On 3 June 2022, Registry representatives confirmed, during an in person meeting with Mr Ongwen, his choice of Counsel.
7. On 3 June 2022, the Registry received the “Declaration - Acceptance of Appointment” signed by Mr Taku.<sup>4</sup>
8. On 6 June 2022, the Registry officially formalized the appointment of Mr Taku as Counsel for Mr Ongwen.<sup>5</sup>
9. Mr Taku has previously executed the solemn undertakings as required under the Code, which remain valid throughout the proceedings before the Court.<sup>6</sup>



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p.p. Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Judicial Services  
on behalf of  
Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 6 June 2022

At The Hague, The Netherlands

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<sup>3</sup> Public Annex I

<sup>4</sup> Confidential Annex II

<sup>5</sup> Confidential Annex III.

<sup>6</sup> Public Annex IV.