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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS
P.O. BOX 7183
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February 22, 2024

The Registrar,
International Criminal Court,
Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, 2597 AK,
The Hague,
The Netherlands

**RE: REQUEST FOR COOPERATION – SERVICE OF DOCUMENT
CONTAINING CHARGES AGAINST JOSEPH KONY**

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of, and to refer to, your letter to this Office under ref. no. REG-JCSS-2024-032 dated 9th February 2023 through which the Government of Uganda was requested to serve the Document (No. ICC-02/04-01/05 dated 19th January 2024) containing the charges against Mr. Joseph under the case of the *The Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony* (ICC-02/04-01/05) at the last known place of residence of Mr. Kony as well as his close family members.

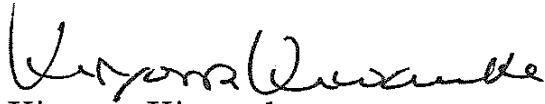
I have the further honor to advise as follows:

1. As the International Criminal Court (ICC) is aware, Mr. Kony took up rebellion against the Government of Uganda in the year 1987. One of the results of that rebellion was the displacement of large numbers of people in the Acholi sub-region and in other parts of the greater Northern Uganda, including in Joseph Kony's home area. By the end of the rebellion circa 2006, most homes had been destroyed and compounds consumed by vegetation and, as a result, few families could easily retrace the sites of their former homes. Consequently, Mr. Kony's last place of residence is not known to the Government of Uganda.

2. While some of Mr. Kony's relatives might be known, or could be identified by the Government of Uganda, none is known or presumed to know of Mr. Kony's whereabouts or to be in contact with him. Accordingly, the Government does not consider it useful or rational to attempt to make any communication to Mr. Kony through his said relatives. Moreover, any relative receiving, or being made to receive, communication on behalf of Mr. Kony, a criminal fugitive whose whereabouts largely remains a matter of speculation, would suggest that that the relative knows Mr. Kony's whereabouts and/or is in contact with him. The Government of Uganda does not consider that it is just, reasonable or necessary to place any relative of Mr. Kony in such legal jeopardy, inadvertently or otherwise.

In light of the above, therefore, I regret to communicate to you that the Government of Uganda is unable to render the assistance that has been requested for.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



Kiryowa Kiwanuka

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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