

Public Redacted Annex A
Statement provided by Mr Ntaganda

To the Honorable Judges of Trial Chamber II

This is Bosco Ntaganda.

I have the honor to write to you from the [REDACTED],
where I am serving the 30-year sentence imposed on me in November 2019.

After observations were submitted on my behalf on 16 November 2023 in response to the latest information filed by the Trust Fund for Victims and the Registry concerning the implementation of reparations, I had the opportunity to meet with my Counsel, Associate Counsel and Case Manager *via* audio-video conference means.

Together, we reviewed what has happened from the beginning of the reparations phase, what I aimed to accomplish as the Convicted Person as well as my options from this point on. As a result, I concluded that it was time for me to stand down and to trust the Court for the implementation of reparations for the benefit of the genuine victims of the crimes I was convicted of.

This is my aim in submitting this statement today.

On 8 July 2019, I was found guilty by Trial Chamber VI of all charges laid against me. This was a very difficult time for me. Yet, as previously mentioned, I have come to accept the verdict of the Court, which was later confirmed by the Appeals Chamber.

Before the sentencing judgment was delivered by Trial Chamber VI, the reparations phase began and I immediately adopted a responsible and

constructive approach, offering to contribute and to play a meaningful role in the implementation of reparations for the benefit of genuine victims in this case.

Although my actions have not been perceived as I would have liked them to be, I have also come to accept this.

I do not dispute that the victims of the crimes I was convicted of are entitled to receive reparations. Nor do I dispute the fact that I am liable to repair the harm caused to victims. I am also sorry that that victims have been waiting so long to receive reparations.

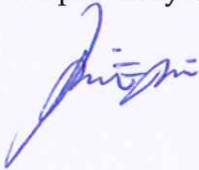
The stance I have taken during the reparations phase has always been guided by my objectives. First, that only genuine victims benefit from reparations; and two, that awarding reparations to victims does not cause more harm than good by fueling ethnic tensions and contributing to more violence, insecurity and armed conflict in the Congo, which has been plagued by protracted armed conflicts for the past 25 years. I love my country and I would like all Congolese, regardless of ethnicity to be able to live together in a secure environment.

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As for the reparations process - other than for the ongoing appeal, which I have instructed my Counsel to continue because I believe it is important to

ensure that only genuine victims receive reparations – I intend to stand down and refrain from making further submissions. I trust, taking my past submissions into consideration, that your honors will issue appropriate decisions to avoid creating more harm than good, and guide the implementation of reparations to fruition.

Respectfully submitted

 30/11/2023

Bosco Ntaganda