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Subject: Kony case: order to the Registry to file submissions on victim-related matters

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Dear colleagues,

The Single Judge, having taken note of the message and proposal below, considers it necessary and appropriate that the Registry is allowed to make submissions on issues related to the participation of victims, including those mentioned in the email from VPRS.

These submissions shall be filed by no later than **8 May 2024**.

Thank you and kind regards.

On behalf of Judge Alexis-Windsor, Single Judge

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Subject: RE: The Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony: ICC-02/04-01/05-483 -Application for recognition of the status of victims

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Dear colleagues,

My apologies, I hit the 'send' button too early, with CSS colleagues missing in the CC line. This is herewith rectified.
My best,

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: The Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony: ICC-02/04-01/05-483 -Application for recognition of the status of victims

Dear Pre-Trial Chamber III,
Dear Single Judge,

Reference is made to the “Second decision on the Prosecution’s request to hold a confirmation of charges hearing in the Kony case in the suspect’s absence”, issued on 4 March 2024 by Pre-Trial Chamber II (when it was still seized with the Uganda Situation), ICC-02/04-01/05-481), as well as the OPCV’s “Application for recognition of the status of victims in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony* to the victims participating in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen* and matters related to victims in the proceedings”, submitted on 11 March 2024 (ICC-02/04-01/05-483) (“OPCV Request”). As you may be aware, the OPCV represents a number of victims in the *Ongwen* proceedings alongside an external second team of legal representatives of victims (Messrs. Manoba and Cox, the “LRVs”).

First, the Registry would like to inform the Chamber that by email correspondence of 20 March 2024, the LRVs in the *Ongwen* proceedings requested the VPRS to register their clients’ applications to participate in the *Kony* case. In a separate correspondence to the VPPRS, the LRVs motivated this with a similar argument as put forward in the OPCV Request (*ie* similar charges) and confirmed that the request followed the express wish of all their clients upon consultation to this end.

The Registry notes that the *Ongwen* LRVs’ request to register victim applications in the *Kony* will not automatically trigger their recognition by the Registry as legal representatives of victims in the latter Case. The Counsel Support Section of the Registry (“CSS”) is handling all the practical aspects in terms of appointment and funding of particularly the external options of legal representation of victims, and as such is following the matter closely.

Second, at the occasion of the OPCV Request, it may be timely also for the Registry to file submissions to the Chamber on various victim-related issues. This would include brief submissions by the VPRS on how we would propose to bring victim applications and relevant assessments to the Chamber’s attention, alongside a suggestion to use the general standard victim application form as approved by the Presidency and incorporated in the Chambers Practice Manual across cases. The Registry also stands ready to provide an outline of activities the VPRS presently foresees / undertakes to identify potential victims that would fall within the scope of the *Kony* case. The VPRS would thus gladly address the Chamber on these matters if the Chamber were minded to invite the Registry to make any submissions following the OPCV Request.

The Registry remains at the Chamber’s disposal, should any additional clarification be required.


(VPRS), on behalf of the Registry