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[ICC] RESTRICTED

Dear Prosecution,

The Single Judge, having noted the ‘Prosecution’s submission of witness materials and related requests for protective measures, witness preparation, and testimony via video link’ (ICC-02/04-01/05-579), recalls that, as stated in the Chambers Practice Manual, the ‘use of live evidence at the confirmation hearing should be exceptional and should be subject to specific authorisation by the Pre-Trial Chamber. The parties must satisfactorily demonstrate that the proposed oral testimony cannot be properly substituted by a written statement or other documentary evidence’.

The Single Judge is mindful of the submissions contained in paragraph 16 of the ‘Prosecution’s Observations on the conduct of the confirmation proceedings in absentia and Requests for the adoption of certain protocols and an in situ hearing in Uganda’ (ICC-02/04-01/05-490), to the effect that witnesses should be called viva voce at the confirmation hearing in this case ‘*due to the exceptional nature of the proceedings in absentia*’ and with a view to ‘*[g]iving a voice*’ to those victims who were not represented in the Ongwen proceedings. However, those submissions are too generic and broad in nature, and fail to address the reasons why the proposed oral testimony ‘cannot be properly substituted by a written statement or other documentary evidence’.

Accordingly, the Prosecution is instructed to supplement the Request with specific and precise information to this effect, by no later than **Monday 14 April 2025**.

Thank you and kind regards.

On behalf of Judge Alexis-Windsor, Single Judge