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ANNEX A**

**Defence filing of public redacted
version of expert medical report**

Report of: [REDACTED]
On behalf of: Mr Abd-Al-Rahman's Defence Team
Re: Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman

**IN THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT AT
AT THE HAGUE**

BETWEEN:

THE PROSECUTOR

-v-

ALI MUHAMMAD ALI ABD-AL-RAHMAN

[REDACTED] REPORT OF
[REDACTED]

Dated:	29 October 2025
Specialist Field:	[REDACTED]
The Defendant:	Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman
Date of birth:	15 October 1949
On the instructions of:	Mr Abd-Al-Rahman's Defence Team at the International Criminal Court

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Introduction

1. Mr Abd-Al-Rahman is a 76-year-old Sudanese national who has been found guilty by the Trial Chamber of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on 6 October 2025 of 27 counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in Darfur, Sudan, between August 2003 and April 2004. He has pleaded not guilty, mainly on grounds of mistaken identity. He was transferred to the ICC's custody on 9 June 2020.
2. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

The Writer

6. I am [REDACTED]. I work for Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. I have a special interest in [REDACTED]. Further details of my qualifications and experience are available in Appendix One.

Instruction

7. I was instructed on 29 September 2025 by Mr Iain Edwards, on behalf of Cyril Laucci, Lead Counsel, to prepare a [REDACTED] report on Mr Abd-Al-Rahman.

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Consent

8. I explained to Mr Abd-Al-Rahman that the purpose of the assessment was to prepare a [REDACTED] addressing the instructions by his defence team. I stated that standard medical confidentiality protocols would not apply, as the report would be disclosed to his defence team and the International Criminal Court. Mr Abd-Al-Rahman understood my professional role and the purpose of this report and provided informed consent for its preparation and dissemination to relevant parties, as deemed necessary.

Issues to be addressed

9. I have been asked to prepare a [REDACTED] report to consider the following:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Investigation of the facts and assumed facts

10. In the preparation of this report, I have had access to the following material:
- i. Letter of instructions
 - ii. Documents related to the case and recorded videos uploaded to <https://www.icc-cpi.int/>
11. I assessed Mr Abd-Al-Rahman at ICC Detention Centre, The Hague, on 10 October 2025. The interviews lasted approximately five and a half hours.

Background History

12. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].
13. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

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Medical History

20. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
21. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
22. [REDACTED]
23. [REDACTED]
24. [REDACTED]

Drugs and Alcohol History

25. [REDACTED]

Life in the Army

26. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
27. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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28. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED].

29. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

30. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Life After the Army

31. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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33. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Current Conviction

34. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

35. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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36. [REDACTED]
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Current Imprisonment

37. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

38. [REDACTED]
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39. [REDACTED]
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40. [REDACTED]
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41. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

42. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mental State Examination

43. [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

44. [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

45. [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

46. [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]
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47. [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]

48. [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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49. [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED]

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- I [REDACTED]
- I [REDACTED]
- I [REDACTED]

50. [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Opinion and Recommendations

51. Mr Abd-Al-Rahman is a 76-year-old Sudanese man who has been detained at the International Criminal Court Detention Centre for approximately five years and is currently awaiting sentencing.

52. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

53. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

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58. [REDACTED]
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59. [REDACTED]
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60. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

61. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Other Instructing questions

62. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Age and prison environment.

63. Older individuals in prison typically have higher health and social-care needs, and prison settings are often not well adapted for ageing (mobility, continence, night-time support). Extended detention tends to accelerate deconditioning and dependency; a lengthy custodial sentence is likely to intensify these pressures.

Physical health

64. Mr Abd-Al-Rahman's current physical health issues [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] but musculoskeletal conditions commonly worsen in custody because of inactivity and limited accessibility. Over time, this can increase pain, risk of falls, and functional limitation. The relevant specialists should comment on this to determine likely progression and functional impact.

Mental health

65. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] imprisonment later in life carries risks of demoralisation, low mood, sleep disturbance, and reduced motivation, especially during lengthy sentences. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]. Even so, the impact may become significant over the long term as isolation continues, bereavements remain only

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partly processed, language barriers hinder effective communication, and [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]. Regular review is necessary because the
 trajectory is currently difficult to predict.

Past conflict exposure

66. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Foreign-national status and cultural distance

67. As an Arabic-speaking foreign national far from Sudan, Mr Abd-Al-Rahman faces cultural displacement and unfamiliar systems that increase his vulnerability with age. This likely impacts him because [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] culturally specific roles that are largely absent in custody, with the lack of familiar social support structures.

Language barrier

68. The language barrier limits Mr Abd-Al-Rahman's understanding of rules, healthcare, and procedures. He has managed this challenge for five years, demonstrating some adaptation, but the situation remains fragile. In the long term, continued reliance on ad hoc interpreters increases the risk of misunderstandings and of overlooking symptoms. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED].

Isolation and purposeful activity

69. Reduced social contact and limited purposeful activity in prisons are associated with poorer well-being and functional decline. Prolonged incarceration under such conditions heightens loneliness and reduces cognitive reserves; [REDACTED]

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73. [REDACTED]
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Recommendations

74. [REDACTED]
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75. [REDACTED]

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77. [REDACTED]
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80. [REDACTED]
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81. [REDACTED]
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83. [REDACTED]
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84. [REDACTED]
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Review

85. [REDACTED]
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86. [REDACTED]
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Signature

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Appendix 1 – Biographical section

Qualifications

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Expert Witness Experience

I have extensive experience preparing comprehensive [REDACTED] for various legal entities, including the Crown Prosecution Service, Crown Courts, Parole Boards and defence solicitors. These reports address a wide range of [REDACTED] relevant to criminal offences, encompassing complex cases such as murder. I have provided expert witness testimony in Crown Courts and Parole Boards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Appendix 2 – Declaration

I, [REDACTED], DECLARE THAT:

1. I understand that my duty is to help the court achieve the overriding objective by giving independent assistance by way of an objective, unbiased opinion on matters within my expertise, both in preparing reports and giving oral evidence. I understand that this duty overrides any obligation to the party by whom I am engaged or the person who has paid or is liable to pay me. I confirm that I have complied with and will continue to comply with that duty.
2. I confirm that I have not entered into any arrangement where the amount or payment of my fees is in any way dependent on the outcome of the case.
3. I know of no conflict of interest of any kind, other than any which I have disclosed in my report.
4. I do not consider that any interest which I have disclosed affects my suitability as an expert witness on any issues on which I have given evidence.
5. I will advise the party by whom I am instructed if, between the date of my report and the trial, there is any change in circumstances which affects my answers to points 3 and 4 above.
6. I have shown the sources of all information I have used.

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7. I have exercised reasonable care and skill to be accurate and complete in preparing this report.
8. I have endeavoured to include in my report those matters, of which I have knowledge or of which I have been made aware, that might adversely affect the validity of my opinion. I have clearly stated any qualifications for my opinion.
9. I have not, without forming an independent view, included or excluded anything which has been suggested to me by others, including my instructing lawyers.
10. I will notify those instructing me immediately and confirm in writing if, for any reason, my existing report requires any correction or qualification.
11. I understand that:
 - (a) My report will form the evidence to be given under oath or affirmation.
 - (b) The court may at any stage direct a discussion to take place between experts.
 - (c) The court may direct that, following a discussion between the experts, a statement should be prepared showing those issues which are agreed and those issues which are not approved, together with the reasons.
 - (d) I may be required to attend court to be cross-examined on my report by a cross-examiner assisted by an expert.
 - (e) I am likely to be the subject of public adverse criticism by the judge if the Court concludes that I have not taken reasonable care in trying to meet the standards set out above.
12. I confirm that I have acted in accordance with the code of practice or conduct for experts of my discipline, namely, Acting as a Witness in Legal Proceedings, by the General Medical Council.

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Appendix 3 – Statement of truth

I confirm that the contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make this report knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I would be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or that I do not believe to be true.

Appendix 4 – References

- i. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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- ii. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- iii. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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- v. Ministry of Justice. (2025). Safety in Custody Statistics, England and Wales: Deaths in prison custody to June 2025; assaults and self-harm to March 2025
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