



To: The distinguished members of the TFV Board of Directors
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From: Dr Cyril Laucci, Lead Counsel for the Defence of Mr Ali Muhammad
Ali Abd-Al-Rahman before the International Criminal Court

Through: The TFV Secretariat

Re: Request for intervention

The Hague (The Netherlands), 12 February 2026

Distinguished Members of the TFV Board of Directors,

I write to seek your urgent intervention to direct the TFV Secretariat to take action in favour of victims in the Darfur situation, namely by confirming to the Embassy of [REDACTED] that the TFV is willing and able to receive earmarked contributions on their behalf, in response to the Defence of Mr Abd-Al-Rahman's solicitation.

Throughout the proceedings, the Defence of Mr Abd-Al-Rahman has been proactive in seeking early reparations for victims in Darfur. In July 2020, the Defence filed [an application requesting the immediate opening of reparation proceedings](#) (available in French only). On several significant occasions during the proceedings, Mr Abd-Al-Rahman expressed his compassion for the victims of the Darfur conflict. Following his conviction, and after consultation with the TFV Secretariat on 4 November 2025, the Defence sent letters calling for voluntary earmarked contributions to the TFV in favour of victims in Darfur. These letters were sent in two batches: the first to embassies of non-ICC States Parties in The Hague and Brussels, and the second to embassies of ICC States Parties. In total, 168 States were approached. The initiative was clearly identified as originating from the Defence. Since then, the Defence has followed up with various States regarding its request. The TFV Secretariat has been systematically informed of these efforts.

One of the States contacted, [REDACTED], expressed its interest in making the requested voluntary ear-marked contribution, but indicated that it required an official invitation from the TFV to do so. On 21 November 2025, I wrote to the TFV Director inviting her to send the necessary letter to the Embassy of [REDACTED], which was copied on that correspondence. In the absence of a response, a first reminder was sent on 6 December 2025 and a second on 2 February 2026. The latter prompted a reply by email on 3 February 2026. However, instead of addressing the

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requested invitation to [REDACTED], the TFV Secretariat asked the Defence to refrain from copying [REDACTED] in its reminders and merely stated that it would “continue its dialogue” with [REDACTED].

“Continuing a dialogue” is not an adequate response in this context. What the TFV Secretariat should have done since November 2025 is simply send a communication to the Embassy of [REDACTED] confirming its readiness to receive earmarked contributions for victims in Darfur. Through its inaction, the TFV risks losing the momentum generated by the Defence’s initiative and fails to fulfil its mandate.

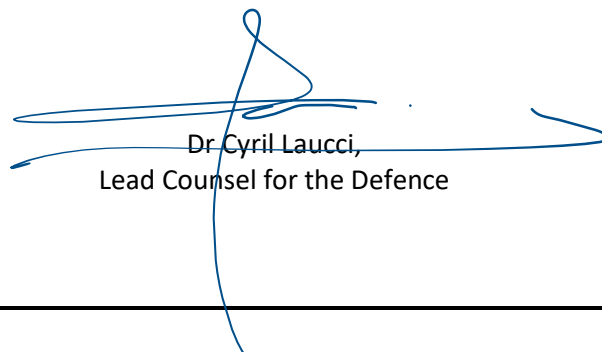
I therefore turn to you to request your intervention and to direct the TFV Secretariat to take the necessary action without further delay.

The TFV Secretariat’s inaction is not only prejudicial to victims in Darfur. It is also prejudicial to the Defence of Mr Abd-Al-Rahman, as it prevents its initiatives in favour of victims from materialising, potentially undermining the principle of neutrality that should govern the TFV’s engagement. The present letter and any response thereto may, if necessary, be submitted before the Appeals Chamber in the context of the appeal against sentence.

I sincerely regret having to raise this matter before the TFV Board of Directors. I would have preferred to engage with the TFV and its Distinguished Board in a more constructive and collaborative manner. The Defence of Mr Abd-Al-Rahman has taken, and will continue to take, unprecedented positions in support of reparations for victims. I am confident that, through coordinated action conducted in full respect of our respective mandates, meaningful results can be achieved for the victims of Darfur, who so greatly need and deserve them.

While I would welcome the opportunity to address these broader issues with you at a future Board meeting, I respectfully request that you treat the above matter as a priority requiring immediate action.

Yours Sincerely,



Dr Cyril Laucci,
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