

ICC-02/05-01/20

ANNEXE A Publique

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du 23 mars 2022***



**THE LEGAL
CARPENTRY**

To: Mr Peter Lewis, Registrar

From: Dr Cyril Laucci, Lead Counsel for the Defence of Mr Abd-Al-Rahman

Cc: Mr Christian Mahr, DEO Director
Mr Marc Dubuisson, DJS Director

Re: Court's Duty of Care

The Hague, 9 March 2022

Dear Mr Lewis,

The Defence is in receipt of the "Registry's Report on Languages to be used at Trial by Prosecution Witnesses" (ICC-02/05-01/20-608-Conf) of 25 February 2022 (Public redacted version ICC-02/05-01/20-608-Red filed on 8 March 2022).

At paragraph 11 of this Report, the Registry mentions the Court's duty of care *vis-à-vis* field interpreters. I would be grateful if you could clarify the following:

- The exact nature and content of this duty of care;
- The other categories of beneficiaries of this duty of care;
- Whether that duty of care applies to members of the Defence team on mission and, if so, its exact nature and content. In particular, should members of the Defence be confronted with a security issue in Sudan (e.g. being arrested by the Sudanese authorities), what would be the Court's duty of care, if any, and what is the protocol to be adopted by the Court in such a case?

The present consultation is addressed *inter partes* in light of its essentially administrative nature, as a matter of efficiency and as favoured by Trial Chamber I.

I use the present opportunity to reiterate the expression of my most sincere consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Cyril Laucci,
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Defence of Mr Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman