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## PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

**Before:** 

Judge Mauro Politi, Presiding Judge Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar:

Mr Bruno Cathala

SITUATION IN UGANDA
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR
v. JOSEPH KONY, VINCENT OTTI, OKOT ODHIAMBO, RASKA LUKWIYA,
DOMINIC ONGWEN

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DECISION DESIGNATING A SINGLE JUDGE ON VICTIMS' ISSUES

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**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II** of the International Criminal Court (the "Court");

NOTING article 39, paragraph 2b(iii), of the Statute of the Court (the "Statute"),

pursuant to which the functions of the Pre-Trial Chamber shall be carried out either

by three judges of the Pre-Trial Division or by a single judge of that division in

accordance with the Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the "Rules");

**NOTING** article 57, paragraph 2b, of the Statute, providing that a single judge of the

Pre-Trial Chamber may exercise the functions provided for in the Statute other than

those listed under article 57, paragraph 2(a), unless otherwise provided for in the

Rules or by a majority of the Pre-Trial Chamber;

**NOTING** rule 7, sub-rule 1 of the Rules, pursuant to which the Pre-Trial Chamber

shall designate a single judge on the basis of objective pre-established criteria;

NOTING regulation 47, sub-regulation 1, of the Regulations of the Court (the

"Regulations"), providing that the designation of a single judge shall be based upon

criteria agreed upon by the Pre-Trial Chamber, including considerations of the issues

involved, the circumstances of the proceedings before the Chamber, the distribution

of work within the Chamber and the proper management and efficiency in the

handling of cases;

**NOTING** that a number of applications for participation in the proceedings have

been filed by victims in respect of the situation in Uganda and of the case against

Joseph Kony, Vincent Otti, Raska Lukwiya, Okot Odhiambo and Dominic Ongwen;

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CONSIDERING that, in the light of the number, the nature and the specificity of the issues arising in connection with victims' applications for participation, at this stage of the proceedings the designation of a single judge responsible for all such issues appears necessary and appropriate with a view to their prompt and efficient handling;

CONSIDERING that the Chamber previously designated a single judge as responsible for issues relating to the unsealing of documents in the situation in Uganda and in the case against Joseph Kony, Vincent Otti, Raska Lukwiya, Okot Odhiambo and Dominic Ongwen<sup>1</sup>, on the basis of the need to preserve and ensure the efficient handling of such issues;

**NOTING** regulation 47, sub-regulation 2 of the Regulations, providing that the Pre-Trial Chamber may designate more than one single judge when the efficient management of the workload of the Chamber so requires;

HAVING REGARD THERETO AND FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

**DECIDES** to designate judge Mauro Politi as single judge, responsible for all issues arising in connection with victims' applications for participation in the proceedings in the situation in Uganda and in the case against Joseph Kony, Vincent Otti, Raska Lukwiya, Okot Odhiambo and Dominic Ongwen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ICC-02/04-01/05-87.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

Judge Mauro Politi
Presiding Judge

Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Dated this 22 November 2006

At The Hague, The Netherlands.