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**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II**

**Before: Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Single Judge**

**SITUATION IN UGANDA  
IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR v. DOMINIC ONGWEN***

**Public**

**Decision on the schedule of the hearing on the confirmation of charges  
against Dominic Ongwen**

To be notified, in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court, to:

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**Other**

**Judge Cuno Tarfusser**, Single Judge exercising the functions of the Chamber in the present case and Presiding Judge of the Chamber, issues this decision, under rule 122(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, on the schedule of the hearing on the confirmation of charges against Dominic Ongwen which will commence on 21 January 2016.

1. For the purpose of this decision, the Single Judge has considered the submissions received, by way of email, from the parties and participants as to the estimate time required for their respective presentations at the confirmation hearing. In particular:

- The Prosecutor submits that her presentation will take about eight hours;
- The Defence requests to be allocated 4 to 6 hours for its presentation;
- Joseph Akwenyu Manoba and Francisco Cox, legal representatives of 1,434 victims participating in the present case, estimate 2.5 hours for their presentation;
- Paolina Massidda, common legal representative of 592 victims participating in the present case, estimates a maximum of 2 hours for her presentation;

2. Considering the availability of a courtroom and associated services for the confirmation of charges hearing and given that the requests of the parties and participants are reasonable, the Chamber is able to accord them the time they submit they need for their respective presentations.

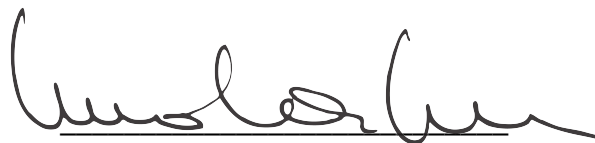
3. The confirmation of charges hearing will therefore take place **from 21 to 27 January 2016**. The Chamber will sit on Thursday, 21, Friday, 22, Monday, 25, Tuesday, 26, and Wednesday, 27 January 2016 in Courtroom 2. Subject to any possible adjustment in the schedule, there will be three sessions of 1.5 hour each day: **9.30 to 11.00; 11.30 to 13.00; and 14.30 to 16.00**.

4. The parties have informed the Single Judge that they do not intend to raise any objections or make observations concerning issues related to the

proper conduct of the proceedings prior to the confirmation hearing under rule 122(3) of the Rules. Therefore, on the first day of the hearing (**21 January**), after the introductory remarks by the Presiding Judge, the Prosecutor will make her presentation, envisaged to last for a maximum of 8 hours, concluding her submissions on the second day of the hearing (**22 January**). The legal representatives of victims (first Joseph Akwenyu Manoba and Francisco Cox followed by Paolina Massidda) will start their presentation immediately after the Prosecutor, and conclude on the third day of the hearing (**25 January**). The Defence will start its presentation – envisaged to last between 4 and 6 hours – immediately after the legal representatives on the third day of the hearing, and conclude by the day after (**26 January**).

5. The last day of the hearing (**27 January**) will be dedicated to the final observations under rule 122(8) of the Rules from the parties and participants. The first session will be accorded to the Prosecutor, the second one to the legal representatives of the two groups of victims who will share the available time, and the last one to the Defence. As already anticipated (ICC-02/04-01/15-T-6, 19 May 2015, p. 23), in their final observations the parties, and the legal representatives of victims, may respond to arguments raised during the hearing and answer any question from the Chamber, but cannot present new arguments. No further written submissions after the final oral observations at the hearing will be allowed.

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



**Judge Cuno Tarfusser**  
**Single Judge**

Dated this 15 January 2016  
At The Hague, The Netherlands