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Judge Péter Kovács  
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

**SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO  
IN THE CASE OF  
*THE PROSECUTOR v. GERMAIN KATANGA***

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**“Thirteenth quarterly update report pursuant to regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims”, dated 19 July 2023, ICC-01/04-01/07-3915-Conf**

**Source:** Trust Fund for Victims

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## I. BACKGROUND

1. The Trust Fund for Victims hereby submits its Thirteenth quarterly update report pursuant to Regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, and in accordance with Trial Chamber II's ("Trial Chamber") order instructing the Trust Fund for Victims to submit reports starting with a first report on 17 July 2020<sup>1</sup> concerning the progress in the implementation of the three remaining collective reparation awards ordered in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga*.

2. The Twelfth quarterly update report on the implementation of collective reparation awards<sup>2</sup> was filed on 19 April 2023. On 5 May 2023, one of the two legal representatives of victims ("LRV") submitted observations on the Twelfth quarterly update report.<sup>3</sup>

## II. CLASSIFICATION OF THE PRESENT SUBMISSION

3. Pursuant to Regulation 23 *bis* (1) of the Regulations of the Court, the Trust Fund for Victims has classified the present report as confidential insofar as it contains sensitive information related to the ongoing implementation of reparations. The Trust Fund for Victims will file a public redacted version of the report.

## III. REGULATION 58 UPDATE REPORT

4. The Trust Fund for Victims hereby submits its Thirteenth quarterly update report on the implementation of the collective reparation awards, with information pertaining to A) external challenges, B) income-generating activities, C) housing assistance, D) psychological support, E) evaluation, F) the end of the programme and closing ceremony, and G) any other matters.

5. [REDACTED]

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<sup>1</sup> *Ordonnance enjoignant au Fonds au profit des victimes de déposer des rapports trimestriels sur l'exécution des réparations et au représentant légal des victimes de déposer des observations à des fins de clarification de ses écritures des 6 et 13 mars 2020*, 3 July 2020, [ICC-01/04-01/07-3855](#).

<sup>2</sup> Twelfth quarterly update report pursuant to regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, 19 April 2023, [ICC-01/04-01/07-3913-Conf](#) ("Twelfth quarterly update report, 19 April 2023").

<sup>3</sup> *Observations du Représentant légal relatives au rapport du Fonds au profit des victimes intitulé « Twelfth quarterly update report pursuant to regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims »* (ICC-01/04-01/07-3913-Conf), 5 May 2023, [ICC-01/04-01/07-3914-Conf](#).

## **A. External Challenges**

6. During the reporting period, the highly volatile security situation in the areas in which the Trust Fund for Victims is currently operating has not posed new or unforeseen challenges in relation to the programme implementation.

## **B. Income-Generating Activities**

7. As part of the implementation of income-generating activities, the Trust Fund for Victims has provided 250 beneficiaries with items of their choice to perform various income-generating activities. The delivery of three motorbikes to one beneficiary is, as previously reported,<sup>4</sup> still outstanding. The purchase procedure for these motorcycles started anew and is now underway. The LRV has confirmed that their client maintains their choice pertaining to the desired motorcycles.<sup>5</sup> The Trust Fund for Victims will order the desired motorcycles as soon as the latter become available with the selected supplier in Ituri, in line with the applicable procurement procedures.

## **C. Housing Assistance**

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

## **D. Psychological Support**

11. As provided for by the Trial Chamber and in the Draft Implementation Plan of the Trust Fund for Victims, eligible victims in this case who were present in Ituri (initially 266) were given access to counsellors trained in trauma-based counselling and were offered the possibility of benefitting from counselling sessions as part of the programme.<sup>6</sup> All steps necessary to implementing the psychological support modality were taken by the end of the he previous reporting period.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Twelfth quarterly update report, 19 April 2023, para. 15.

<sup>5</sup> Email sent by the Legal Representative of Victims to the Trust Fund for Victims on 3 May 2023 at 3.32 pm.

<sup>6</sup> Draft implementation plan relevant to Trial Chamber II's order for reparations of 24 March 2017 (ICC-01/04-01/07-3728) ("Draft Implementation Plan"), [ICC-01/04-01/07-3751](#), para. 119.

<sup>7</sup> Twelfth quarterly update report, 19 April 2023, paras 21-36.

12. The Trust Fund for Victims was informed that a number of beneficiaries have continued benefitting from counselling sessions during the reporting period. These counselling sessions were provided by the locally-based psychological support counsellors on a *pro bono basis* to the extent possible for each of them. The Trust Fund of Victims currently explores how best to monitor such continued provision of psychological support by the counsellors to beneficiaries of this programme.

### **E. Evaluation**

13. As reported in the Eighth<sup>8</sup> and Ninth quarterly update report,<sup>9</sup> the Trust Fund for Victims has commissioned an independent evaluation of the programme led by a team of researchers from the University of Edinburgh. The report is nearly completed.

14. [REDACTED]

15. The Trust Fund for Victims expects to be able to present to the Trial Chamber the evaluation's findings in the final quarter of the year.

### **F. End of Programme and Closing Ceremony**

16. The Trust Fund for Victims anticipates that all beneficiaries will have received their reparations once the last motorcycles as part of the income-generating activities modality are delivered to the beneficiary concerned. Anticipating the end of the programme, the Trust Fund for Victims is currently conducting consultations with all stakeholders towards the organization of a closing ceremony to mark the end of the implementation of the *Katanga* reparations. The Trust Fund for Victims intends to organise the ceremony in accordance with the interests and preferences expressed by the victims and has contacted the LRVs in order for them to lead the consultation with the victims they are representing.

17. A programme for the ceremony will be prepared on the basis of consultations to be held, including with the LRVs.

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<sup>8</sup> Eighth quarterly update report pursuant to regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, 19 April 2022, [ICC-01/04-01/07-3902-Conf](#), para. 27.

<sup>9</sup> Ninth quarterly update report pursuant to regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, 19 July 2022, [ICC-01/04-01/07-3905-Conf](#), para. 32.

## G. Any Other Matters

18. The Trust Fund for Victims has taken note of the LRV's observations on the Twelfth quarterly update report relevant to the Trust Fund for Victims' assistance mandate<sup>10</sup> and the LRV's observations made orally to the Trust Fund for Victims at a meeting held on 9 May 2023<sup>11</sup> and will take them into consideration.

19. [REDACTED]

20. [REDACTED]

## IV. FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS

The Trust Fund for Victims requests the Trial Chamber to take note of the present report.




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Deborah Ruiz Verduzco  
Executive Director of the Trust Fund for Victims

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2023

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The Hague, Netherlands

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<sup>10</sup> *Observations du Représentant légal relatives au rapport du Fonds au profit des victimes intitulé « Twelfth quarterly update report pursuant to regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims »* (ICC-01/04-01/07-3913-Conf), 5 May 2023, [ICC-01/04-01/07-3914-Conf](#), para 7-8.

<sup>11</sup> Meeting minutes of a meeting between the Trust Fund for Victims and the Legal Representative of Victims held on 9 May 2023 at 3 pm.