

**UNITED
NATIONS**



International Residual Mechanism
for Criminal Tribunals

Case No.: MICT-14-77-ES.1

Date: 21 July 2026

Original: English

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MECHANISM

Before: Judge Graciela Gatti Santana, President

Registrar: Mr. Abubacarr M. Tambadou

Order of: 21 July 2026

PROSECUTOR

v.

ALOYS NTABAKUZE

PUBLIC

**ORDER FOR A PUBLIC REDACTED VERSION OF
ALOYS NTABAKUZE'S APPLICATION FOR EARLY RELEASE**

Counsel for Mr. Aloys Ntabakuze:

Ms. Sandrine Gaillot

I, GRACIELA GATTI SANTANA, President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (“President” and “Mechanism”, respectively);

RECALLING that Mr. Aloys Ntabakuze (“Ntabakuze”) is serving a 35-year sentence of imprisonment in the Republic of Benin, following his conviction by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for genocide, extermination and persecution as crimes against humanity, and violence to life as a serious violation of Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and of Additional Protocol II;¹

NOTING the direct petition for early release filed confidentially by Ntabakuze on 29 June 2026;²

RECALLING that all proceedings before the Mechanism shall be public unless exceptional reasons require keeping them confidential;³

RECALLING further that “any convicted person who is assisted by legal counsel shall file the [direct petition for early release] on the record publicly or together with a public redacted version”;⁴

NOTING that, despite having been reminded of the requirement to do so,⁵ Ntabakuze has not yet filed the Application publicly or together with a public version;

CONSIDERING that any information relating to Ntabakuze’s personal circumstances set out in the Application may be safeguarded through appropriate redactions, if deemed necessary;

HEREBY ORDER Ntabakuze to file, within 14 days, a public redacted version of the Application, excluding its annexes, consistent with the Mechanism’s legal framework and the present order.

¹ See *Prosecutor v. Aloys Ntabakuze*, Case No. ICTR-98-41-T, Decision on the Enforcement of Sentence, 21 June 2012, p. 3; *Aloys Ntabakuze v. Prosecutor*, Case No. ICTR-98-41A-A, Judgement, 8 May 2012, para. 317; *Prosecutor v. Théoneste Bagosora et al.*, Case No. ICTR-98-41-T, Judgement and Sentence, 18 December 2008, paras. 2258, 2278.

² Aloys Ntabakuze’s Direct Petition for Early Release, 29 June 2026 (confidential) (“Application”).

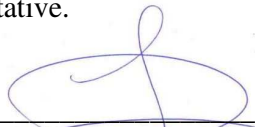
³ See e.g. *Prosecutor v. Ratko Mladić*, Case No. MICT-13-56-ES, Order for a Public Redacted Version of Ratko Mladić’s Motion for Early Release, 28 April 2026, p. 1; *Prosecutor v. Jovica Stanišić*, Case No. MICT-15-96-ES.2, Order for a Public Redacted Version of Jovica Stanišić’s Application for Early Release, 15 April 2026, p. 1; *Prosecutor v. Gaspard Kanyarukiga*, Case No. MICT-22-126-ES.1, Order for a Public Redacted Version of Gaspard Kanyarukiga’s Application for Early Release and for Further Information, 29 January 2026, p. 1.

⁴ Practice Direction on the Procedure for the Determination of Applications for Pardon, Commutation of Sentence, or Early Release of Persons Convicted by the ICTR, the ICTY, or the Mechanism, MICT/3/Rev.4, 1 July 2024, para. 6.

⁵ Decision Related to Aloys Ntabakuze’s Application for Early Release, 26 June 2026, fn. 6.

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

Done this 21st day of July 2026,
At Arusha,
Tanzania.



Judge Graciela Gatti Santana
President

[Seal of the Mechanism]



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