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Case No.: MICT-22-124
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE MECHANISM

Before: Judge Graciela Gatti Santana

Registrar: Mr. Abubacarr M. Tambadou

Date: 5 August 2026

IN THE MATTER OF

**FRANÇOIS-XAVIER NZUWONEMEYE
PROSPER MUGIRANEZA
ALPHONSE NTEZIRYAYO
INNOCENT SAGAHUTU**

**PUBLIC WITH
CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX**

**REGISTRAR'S TWENTIETH SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO THE
"FURTHER INSTRUCTION TO THE REGISTRAR" OF 19
DECEMBER 2022**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Rule 31(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (“Mechanism”), the Registrar respectfully files this Twentieth submission (“Submission”),¹ in accordance with the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” dated 19 December 2022 (“Further Instruction”).²

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

2. In the Further Instruction, the President ordered the Registrar to, *inter alia*, file on the judicial record, every 60 days from 4 January 2023, reports on the Registrar’s efforts to find a solution for the eight persons who were relocated on 6 December 2021 to the Republic of Niger (“Niger”) following their acquittal by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda or their release upon having served their respective sentences (“Relocated Persons”), in line with the Mechanism’s duty of care towards them.³
3. On 6 March 2023 and 8 May 2023, the Registrar filed the first and second bi-monthly report, respectively.⁴
4. On 13 June 2023, following the Registrar’s request to amend the reporting period to quarterly,⁵ the President confirmed the next report was due on 10 July 2023.⁶
5. Between 6 July 2023 and 3 November 2025, the Registrar filed fifteen bi-monthly reports.⁷

¹ This Submission is filed with confidential annex as reference is made to matters that may be deemed sensitive.

² *In the Matter of François-Xavier Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Case No. MICT-22-124 (“*Nzuwonemeye et al.*”), Further Instruction to the Registrar, public, 19 December 2022 (“Further Instruction”).

³ Further Instruction, p. 3 (internal footnotes omitted). Since the filing of the Further Instruction, Mr. Tharcisse Muvunyi passed away on 9 June 2023, Mr. Anatole Nsengiyumva passed away on 7 May 2024, Mr. Protais Zigiranyirazo passed away on 4 August 2025, and Mr. André Ntagerura passed away on 18 June 2026. See *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Filing in Relation to the Death of Mr. Tharcisse Muvunyi, public, 13 June 2023; *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Filing in Relation to the Death of Mr. Anatole Nsengiyumva, public, 8 May 2024; and *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Filing on Relation to the Death of Mr. Protais Zigiranyirazo, public with confidential and *ex parte* annex, 8 August 2025, *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Corrigendum to “Registrar’s Filing in Relation to the Death of Mr. Protais Zigiranyirazo”, public with confidential and *ex parte* annex, 10 August 2025, *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Filing on Relation to the Death of Mr. André Ntagerura, public. There are now four Relocated Persons.

⁴ *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s First Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annexes, 6 March 2023. The Registrar also filed a submission on 3 January 2023, concerning an overview of his efforts in 2022 to address the Relocated Persons’ situation. See *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Public Redacted Version of “Registrar’s Submission in Relation to the ‘Further Instruction to the Registrar’ of 19 December” of 3 January 2023, public with public redacted annexes, 3 March 2023. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Second Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annexes, 8 May 2023 (“Second Bi-monthly Submission”).

⁵ Second Bi-monthly Submission, para. 20.

⁶ *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Decision in Relation to Reporting Regime, public, 13 June 2023, p. 2.

⁷ *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Third Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 6 July 2023. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Fourth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annexes, 5 August 2026.

6. On 21 November 2025, the Single Judge issued a Decision in relation to the Order (“21 November 2025 Decision”),⁸ *inter alia*, instructing “the Registrar to continue to engage with the Government of Niger and monitor the daily situation of the Relocated Persons in Niamey in order to ensure the respect of their fundamental rights, including by addressing Nzuwonemeye’s ancillary request as stated in the present Decision”.⁹ The Single Judge further instructed “the Registrar, if the Relocated Persons accept to be relocated in Rwanda, to negotiate on their behalf with specific guarantees of safety and/or regular reporting from the Rwandan Government to the Mechanism, as appropriate.”¹⁰
7. On 5 December 2025, the President “amend[ed] the reporting regime established in the Instruction by requiring the Registrar to file on the judicial record quarterly, rather than bi-monthly, reports.”¹¹
8. On 5 February 2026 and 5 May 2026, the Registrar filed the eighteenth submission and the nineteenth submission, respectively (“Eighteenth Report” and “Nineteenth Report”, respectively).¹²

Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 11 September 2023. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Fifth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 10 November 2023. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Sixth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 9 January 2024. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Seventh Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 8 March 2024. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Eighth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 6 May 2024. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Ninth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annexes, 5 July 2024. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Tenth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annex, 2 September 2024. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Eleventh Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 2 November 2024. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Twelfth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 6 January 2025. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Thirteenth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 6 March 2025. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Fourteenth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential and confidential and *ex parte* annexes, 6 May 2025. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Fifteenth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annex, 4 July 2025. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Sixteenth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annex, 2 September 2025. *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Seventeenth Bi-monthly Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annex, 3 November 2025.

⁸ *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Decision in Relation to the Order to Show Cause and Motions for an Order for Additional Subsistence Funds, public, 21 November 2025 (“21 November 2025 Decision”).

⁹ See 21 November 2025 Decision, p. 8.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Decision in Relation to Reporting Regime, public, 5 December 2025.

¹² *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Eighteenth Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annex, 5 February 2026 (“Eighteen Report”). *Nzuwonemeye et al.*, Registrar’s Nineteenth Submission in Relation to the “Further Instruction to the Registrar” of 19 December 2022, public with confidential annex, 5 May 2026 (“Nineteenth Report”).

III. SUBMISSIONS

9. The Registry continued its efforts to find relocation States to host the Relocated Persons, in collaboration with their Counsel.¹³

A. Collaboration with Counsel

10. It is recalled that the Registry brought the 21 November 2025 Decision to the attention of the Nigerien authorities for implementation.¹⁴ In light of the limited progress on the return of the identification documents through direct communication with the Government of Niger, the Registry is currently considering additional avenues to follow up, including through appropriate United Nations channels.
11. Following several communications between March and July 2026 with the United Nations Resident Coordinator in the potential relocation State mentioned in Annex A of this Submission and paragraph 29 of the Nineteenth Report¹⁵ on how best to engage the relevant authorities, the Registry acted on the advice provided by the Resident Coordinator and transmitted a *Note Verbale* to that country's Permanent Representative in New York on 24 July 2026. The Registry will continue to follow up on this request.

B. Exchanges with Potential Relocation States

12. The Registry continues to leverage its partnerships within the United Nations system and as noted in paragraph 32 of the Nineteenth Report, followed up with the relevant regional and country Offices of the United Nations on 25 May 2026.
13. On 28 May 2026, the United Nations Resident Coordinator of the potential relocation State mentioned in Annex A and paragraph 35 of the Eighteenth Report¹⁶ responded to the above-mentioned follow-up, indicating that they would revert shortly. On 22 July 2026, the Registry followed up once more and received a response on the same day advising that a new request be addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the country, to be transmitted through the Resident Coordinator's Office as well as through the Permanent Missions of the country in Geneva and New York. On 29 July 2026, the Registry re-submitted its request as advised.

¹³ Consequently, this Submission continues to exclude the Registry's work regarding matters within Niger in relation to the Relocated Persons (e.g., payment of additional lump sums and medical expenses).

¹⁴ See Eighteenth Report, para. 34.

¹⁵ See confidential Annex A.

¹⁶ See confidential Annex A.

14. I remain available should you require any further information.

Respectfully submitted,



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Registrar

Done this 5th August 2026
At Arusha,
Tanzania.



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