

**UNITED
NATIONS**



International Residual Mechanism
for Criminal Tribunals

Case No.: MICT-25-135-I

Date: 28 October 2026

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BEFORE A SINGLE JUDGE

Before: Judge Joseph E. Chiondo Masanche

Registrar: Mr. Abubacarr M. Tambadou

Decision of: 28 October 2026

IN THE MATTER OF PETER ROBINSON

PUBLIC

DECISION ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Amicus Curiae:

Mr. Kenneth Scott

Mr. Peter Robinson

Government of the United States of America

I, JOSEPH E. CHIONDO MASANCHE, Judge of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (“Mechanism”) and Single Judge in this case;¹

NOTING the order in lieu of an indictment against Mr. Peter Robinson, charging him with contempt or, in the alternative, with attempt or incitement to commit contempt, of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and/or the Mechanism pursuant to Article 1(4)(a) of the Statute of the Mechanism (“Statute”) and Rule 90 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Mechanism (“Rules”);²

RECALLING that, on 7 November 2025, I ordered the referral of the present case to the United States of America (“United States”) for disciplinary proceedings before the State Bar of California pursuant to Articles 1(4), 6(2) and 6(4) of the Statute and Rule 14 of the Rules;³

NOTING that, on 24 August 2026, the Appeals Chamber of the Mechanism remanded the matter to me with instructions to re-examine whether the present case can be referred to the authorities of the United States for criminal prosecution and, if not, to determine whether the case can be referred to the authorities of another State for trial pursuant to Article 6 of the Statute;⁴

RECALLING that, on 28 August 2026, I invited the United States to provide further written submissions, within 60 days of the issuance of the order, confirming whether: (i) its national courts lack jurisdiction to criminally prosecute Robinson; and (ii) in the case of jurisdiction, that the applicable federal criminal statute of limitations decisively bars the initiation of a domestic criminal prosecution;⁵

BEING SEISED OF a request filed on 27 October 2026, wherein the United States requests an extension of time until 4 December 2026 to submit its response in order to conduct additional consultations relevant to its preparation of a submission on these two points;⁶

CONSIDERING that, in view of the limited nature of the request, deciding this matter without awaiting responses from the parties will not result in any prejudice to them;

¹ Order Assigning a Single Judge to Consider a Matter, 3 March 2025, p. 1.

² Decision Issuing Order in Lieu of Indictment, 25 February 2025, p. 7.

³ Decision on the Suitability of Referral of the Case, 7 November 2025, paras. 18, 19.

⁴ *In the Matter of Peter Robinson*, Case No. MICT-25-135-AR14.1, Decision on Appeal of Decision on the Suitability of Referral of a Case, 24 August 2026, paras. 24, 25.

⁵ Further Invitation for Submissions, 28 August 2026, pp. 2, 3.

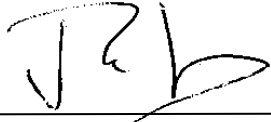
⁶ Submission of the United States on the Issue of Referral in Response to the Mechanism’s Order of 28 August 2026 – Request for Extension of Time, 27 October 2026, Registry Pagination 221.

FINDING that the importance of hearing the United States on this matter and allowing it sufficient time to prepare a considered response justify the requested extension of time;

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

HEREBY GRANT the Request.

Done this 28th day of October 2026,
At Arusha,
Tanzania



Judge Joseph E. Chiondo Masanche
Single Judge



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