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MÉCANISME INTERNATIONAL  
APPELÉ À EXERCER LES FONCTIONS  
RÉSIDUELLES DES TRIBUNAUX  
PÉNAUX

**Case No. MICT-13-38-T**  
***Prosecutor v. Félicien Kabuga***

MICT-13-38-T  
D7601 - D7600  
21 May 2026

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**PUBLIC**

**DECISION**

**THE REGISTRAR,**

**NOTING** the Statute of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (“Statute” and “Mechanism”, respectively) as adopted by the Security Council under Resolution 1966 (2010), and in particular Article 19 thereof;

**NOTING** the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as adopted by the Mechanism on 8 June 2012 and last amended on 9 September 2025 (“Rules”), and in particular Rules 42 and 43 thereof;

**NOTING** the Directive on the Assignment of Defence Counsel, as adopted by the Mechanism on 14 November 2012 (“Directive”);

**NOTING** the Code of Professional Conduct for Defence Counsel appearing before the Mechanism and other Defence Team Members of 14 May 2021 (“Code of Conduct”), and in particular Article 9 thereof;

**RECALLING** that, on 2 October 2020, Maître Emmanuel Altit was assigned as Duty Counsel to represent Félicien Kabuga at his initial appearance before the Mechanism, and in such other matters as were necessary until a permanent counsel was appointed or assigned;<sup>1</sup>

**CONSIDERING** the Registry’s decision of 6 January 2021, temporarily assigning Maître Altit as Counsel to represent Félicien Kabuga before the Mechanism for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, pursuant to Article 11(B) of the Directive;<sup>2</sup>

**RECALLING** the Trial Chamber’s decision of 1 April 2021, *inter alia*, instructing me to assign Maître Altit as Counsel to Félicien Kabuga under the Mechanism’s legal aid scheme,<sup>3</sup> and the Registry’s decision of 6 April 2021, extending Maître Altit’s assignment as Counsel to represent Félicien Kabuga before the Mechanism until further order of the Trial Chamber;<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Prosecutor v. Félicien Kabuga*, Case No. MICT-13-38-I, Decision, public, 2 October 2020.

<sup>2</sup> *Prosecutor v. Félicien Kabuga*, Case No. MICT-13-38-PT (“*Kabuga*”), Decision, public, 6 January 2021.

<sup>3</sup> *Kabuga*, Decision on Matters Related to Félicien Kabuga’s Representation, public, 1 April 2021.

<sup>4</sup> *Kabuga*, Decision, public, 6 April 2021.

**CONSIDERING** the “Order Assigning a Judge to Conduct an Inquiry” of 16 May 2026 issued by the President of the Mechanism, noting that I informed her on the same day that Mr. Kabuga passed away on 16 May 2026 while in the custody of the United Nations Detention Unit;<sup>5</sup>

**CONSIDERING** the Trial Chamber’s decision of 20 May 2026 terminating the proceedings in the case *Prosecutor v. Félicien Kabuga* (Case No. MICT-13-38-T) (“Decision Terminating Proceedings”);<sup>6</sup>

**HEREBY DECIDES** to terminate the assignment of Maître Emmanuel Altit as Counsel for Félicien Kabuga effective as of the date of the Decision Terminating Proceedings.



Abubacarr M. Tambaou  
Registrar

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2026.  
At Arusha,  
Tanzania.

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<sup>5</sup> *Prosecutor v. Félicien Kabuga*, Case No. MICT-13-38-T, Order Assigning a Judge to Conduct an Inquiry, public, 16 May 2026.

<sup>6</sup> *Prosecutor v. Félicien Kabuga*, Case No. MICT-13-38-T, Decision Terminating Proceedings, public, 20 May 2026.



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