

TRUST FUND FOR VICTIMS' DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR REPARATIONS IN THE KATANGA CASE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 25 July 2017, the Trust Fund for Victims submits its draft implementation plan with respect to Trial Chamber II's order for reparations of 24 March 2017 in the *Katanga* case. In its order for reparations, the Trial Chamber ordered awards for reparations to 297 identified victims, comprised of an individual symbolic compensation award of \$250 to each victim and four collective awards to all identified victims in the form of housing assistance, education assistance, income generating activities, and psychological rehabilitation.

In accordance with the Trial Chamber's instruction, the present plan proposes categorizations of the harms suffered by the victims with corresponding reparations awards packages per category, in order to maintain the proportional link between the reparations and the differing types and degrees of harm suffered by the individual victims. Within these categories, the plan offers flexibility to the victims in order to account for their current situation and needs. The plan also provides concrete details of the types of activities proposed to be offered to the victims under each collective award. Finally, the plan provides information to the Trial Chamber regarding the potential participation of Mr Katanga in the reparations awards, as well as proposing concrete actions in support of the reparations programme that are requested of various government authorities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Trust Fund's draft implementation plan was informed and greatly assisted by the Trial Chamber's findings in its order for reparations, as well as by extensive consultations with the legal representatives of the victims in this case regarding the victims current situation, needs, and desires with respect to how best to remedy the harms that they suffered from Mr Katanga's crimes. The overarching goals of the present draft implementation plan are to provide victims with a strengthened ability to cope with the livelihood, financial, and psychological trauma caused by Mr Katanga's crimes and their aftermath, as well as to ensure that the victims of Mr Katanga's crimes receive meaningful and tangible benefits from the reparations, which are a result of judicial measures undertaken by the Trial Chamber to remedy the harms that the victims suffered from Mr Katanga's crimes.