



## **Statement of the Office of the prosecutor on Uganda**

The Hague, 4 March 2008

The Office of the Prosecutor is aware of information that Joseph Kony has allegedly given power of attorney to an LRA representative(s) and that such representatives are saying they plan to meet with the Prosecutor.

The Prosecutor would like to state that he has not and will not meet with any representative of the LRA.

Should the LRA indictees through their legal representatives wish to challenge the admissibility of the Prosecutor's case against Joseph Kony and the other 3 commanders, they can do so by making an application to the Judges. Any LRA legal representative would have to follow the judicial procedures and file applications before the Pre-Trial Chamber. The process is clear and does not involve the OTP.

For his part, the Prosecutor is confident that his case is admissible. Joseph Kony and the three other commanders of the LRA have slaughtered entire communities in Northern Uganda. They have abducted thousands of children transforming them into killers and sex slaves. The arrest warrants that were issued two years ago against Kony and the three other commanders remain in effect. Other members of the LRA are not sought by the ICC.

The Prosecutor is concerned by recent attacks committed by the LRA in Southern Sudan, especially the high number of abductions and killings. He is similarly concerned with the movement of large numbers of LRA to the Central African Republic."