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1446. The common purpose aimed at or included the commission of crimes against humanity and other “inhumane acts” by means of forced marriage. The implementation of the common purpose relating to forced marriage was facilitated by the imposition of conjugal relations on victims by the perpetrators of the crimes who were CPK cadres. The Co-Investigating Judges find that the forced marriages assumed a systematic character and constituted an integral part of the common project implemented between April 1975 and 6 January 1976. The widespread character of forced marriages throughout the country clearly indicates that they were decided and coordinated by the highest leadership of the CPK in the common purpose. Concerning the main modus operandi, witnesses from different zones report that the representatives of the CPK married people who had similar profiles. The specificity of this process and the evidence that it was applied in different locations demonstrates the existence of a common purpose formulated at the highest level of the CPK regime. Another practice demonstrating that the marriages took place in the framework of the common purpose is the fact that multiple marriages were performed at the same time involving between 20 and 60 couples

1447. In the majority of cases of forced marriage death threats were made, violence was used and people were even executed if they refused to marry. Many witnesses state that they were too afraid to articulate their objection. Weddings took place devoid of traditional involvement of the parents. There was no respect of the traditional rituals. In some cases one party could request authorization to marry a person they determined, but this does not detract from the element of coercion or force placed on the person so identified. Some witnesses state that they were forced to consummate their union, which corroborates the existence of a common purpose established by the senior leaders of the CPK that marriages were necessary to increase the population.