

**Cour  
Pénale  
Internationale**



**International  
Criminal  
Court**

Original: **English**

No. **ICC-PTCI-01/21**

Date: **29 April 2021**

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before:**

**Judge Péter Kovács  
Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou  
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera**

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**SECRET**

**Ex parte, only available to the Prosecutor and the Registrar**

**Decision on the Election of the Presiding Judge**

Decision to be notified, in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court*, to:

**The Office of the Prosecutor**

Ms Fatou Bensouda

Mr James Stewart

**Counsel for the Defence**

**Legal Representatives of Victims**

**Legal Representatives of Applicants**

**Unrepresented Victims**

**Unrepresented Applicants for  
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for Victims**

**The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence**

**States Representative**

**Amicus Curiae**

## **REGISTRY**

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**Registrar**

Mr Peter Lewis

**Counsel Support Section**

**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

**Detention Section**

**Victims Participation and Reparations  
Section**

**Other**

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I** (the ‘Chamber’) of the International Criminal Court (the ‘Court’) issues this Decision on the Election of the Presiding Judge of the Chamber in the situation in the Republic of the Philippines.

1. On 16 March 2021, the Presidency of the Court recomposed the Chamber and assigned the following situations to it: Democratic Republic of the Congo; Libya; Republic of Mali; Gabonese Republic; Registered Vessels of Comoros, Greece and Cambodia; Palestine; People’s Republic of Bangladesh and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Georgia; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela II.<sup>1</sup>
2. On 19 April 2021, the Presidency also assigned, with immediate effect, the situation in the Republic of the Philippines to the Chamber.<sup>2</sup>
3. The Chamber notes regulation 13(2) of the Regulations of the Court pursuant to which the Judges of each Pre-Trial Chamber ‘shall elect from amongst their members a Presiding Judge who shall carry out the functions conferred upon him or her by the Statute, Rules or otherwise’.
4. On 22 April 2021, the Judges of the Chamber elected Judge Péter Kovács to act as the Presiding Judge of the Chamber in the situation in the Republic of the Philippines with immediate effect.

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<sup>1</sup> ICC-Pres-01/21, pp. 6-7, 9.

<sup>2</sup> Decision on the assignment of the situation in the Republic of the Philippines, ICC-01/21-1-SECRET-Exp.

Pursuant to Pre-Trial Chamber I instruction, dated 17 June 2021, this document is reclassified as "Public"

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Pursuant to Pre-Trial Chamber I's instruction, dated 12 March 2025, this document is transferred from the situation record ICC-01/12 into the case record ICC-01/21-01/25

**FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY**

**DECIDES** that Judge Péter Kovács is the Presiding Judge of the Chamber in the situation in the Republic of the Philippines.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

**Judge Péter Kovács**

**Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie  
Alapini-Gansou**

**Judge María del Socorro  
Flores Liera**

Dated this Thursday, 29 April 2021

At The Hague, The Netherlands