

**Cour
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**International
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Court**

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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Gocha Lordkipanidze, Presiding
Judge Tomoko Akane
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza
Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa
Judge Erdenebalsuren Damdin

SITUATION IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA I

**Public
With Public Annex**

**Registry Transmission of “Request for Clarification on the Competence of
Deputy Prosecutors to Conduct Investigations in the Situation in the Bolivarian
Republic of Venezuela I”**

Source: Registry

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

☒ The Office of the Prosecutor

☐ Counsel for the Defence

☐ Legal Representatives of the Victims

☐ Legal Representatives of the Applicants

☐ Unrepresented Victims

☐ Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)

☒ The Office of Public Counsel for Victims

☐ The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence

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Reparations Section

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Foro Penal

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Registry hereby transmits to the Appeals Chamber (“Chamber”), a *“Request for Clarification on the Competence of Deputy Prosecutors to Conduct Investigations in the Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I”* (“Request”) received on 06 August 2025, from Mr Alfredo Romero, on behalf of Foro Penal (“Submitter”).

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

2. On 06 August 2025, the Registry received an e-mail from Mr Alfredo Romero on behalf of Foro Penal, with one attached document consisting of the Request.¹
3. That same day, the Registry consulted with the Chamber to obtain guidance on the appropriate procedure for submitting the Request and its annex into the case record.²
4. In response, the Chamber instructed the Registry to submit the Request as public *via* a Registry’s transmission filing (“Instruction”).³

¹ E-mail sent by Alfredo Romero on behalf of the Foro Penal- Non Governmental Organization, to the Court Management Section (“CMS”) on 06 August 2025, at 04.34.

² E-mail sent by CMS to the Legal Adviser of the Chamber on 06 August 2025, at 10.57.

³ E-mail sent by the Legal Adviser of the Chamber to CMS on 06 August 2025, at 11.40.

III. TRANSMISSION

5. Pursuant to rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Registry hereby transmits the Request, as annex to this submission, in accordance with the Chamber's Instruction.



Marc Dubuisson
Director, Division of Judicial Services on behalf of
Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 7 August 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands