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No.: **ICC-01/21-01/25**

Date: **22 August 2025**

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Iulia Antoanella Motoc, Presiding Judge
Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

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**Defence Observations
on the Organisation of the Hearing on the Confirmation of Charges**

Source: Defence for Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte

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

Duterte Defence Team

☐ 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

☐ States' Representatives

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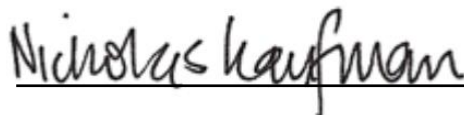
☐ Victims and Witnesses Unit

☐ Detention Section

☐ Victims Participation and
Reparations Section

☐ Other

1. Pursuant to the Pre-Trial Chamber's Email order dated 14 August 2025,¹ and subject to other issues requiring prior determination, the Defence hereby provides the following observations on the organisation of a hearing on the confirmation of charges.
2. The Defence envisages expending 30 minutes for its opening statement and 30 minutes for its closing statement.
3. In its oral presentation which will last 3-4 hours, the Defence will expand, *inter alia*, on a number of core legal issues which concern the modes of liability imputed to Mr Duterte and the contextual requirements of crimes against humanity.
4. For the sake of clarity and the historical record, Mr Duterte did not commit any criminal offence. Mr Duterte served his city and country, faithfully and with pride, for many years.



Nicholas Kaufman
Counsel for Rodrigo Roa Duterte

Dated this 22nd day of August 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹ Email, Pre-Trial Chamber to Defence, "[ICC-01/21-01/25 – Public] Order for observations on the organisation of the hearing on the confirmation of charges", 14 August 2025, 15:25.