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Date: 25 August 2025

THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Tomoko Akane, President
Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, First Vice-President
Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou, Second Vice-President

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With Confidential Annexes I-V

**Registry Transmission of an Application for Review of the Registrar's Decision
Denying Inclusion in the List of Experts**

Source: Registry

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Registrar

M. Zavala Giler, Osvaldo

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☐ **Victims and Witnesses Unit**

☐ **Detention Section**

☐ **Victims Participation and
Reparations Section**

☒ **Other**

The Applicant

I. Introduction

1. The Registry hereby transmits to the Presidency, the application for review of the decision of the Registrar issued on 8 August 2025 ("Registrar's Decision"), denying inclusion of an applicant in the List of Experts ("Applicant"), pursuant to regulation 56 of the Regulations of the Registry ("RoR"), received *via* email on 14 August 2025 ("Application for Review").¹

II. Classification

2. The annexes to the present submission are classified as confidential pursuant to regulation 23 *bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC") because they contain personal information concerning the Applicant.

III. Procedural History

3. On 30 July 2025, the Registry received the Applicant's application *via* email,² together with supporting documents for inclusion in the List of Experts as an expert in environmental forensics and reparations.³
4. On the same day, the Registry submitted the application to the Registry's Independent Expert responsible for assessing the qualifications of applicants to the List of Experts.⁴
5. On 5 August 2025, the Registry received the Independent Expert's assessment results of the Applicant.⁵ The Independent Expert considered, *inter alia*, that while the Applicant appears to be a qualified expert in environmental forensics,

¹ Email from the Applicant to the Registry on 14 August 2025 at 16.22.

² Email from the Applicant to the Registry on 30 July 2025 at 14.14.

³ Annex I and II.

⁴ Email from the Registry to the Registry's Independent Expert on 30 July 2025 at 15.05.

⁵ Annex III.

this expertise is not currently sought by the Court, and the Applicant's experience in the field of reparations could not be assessed.⁶ Consequently, the Independent Expert recommended not to retain the application.

6. On 8 August 2025, the Registrar issued the Decision denying the Applicant's inclusion in the List of Experts. The Registrar notified the Applicant of the Decision stating the reasons for the refusal pursuant to regulation 56(2) of the RoR and informing the latter of the 15-day deadline to request for judicial review of the Registrar's Decision before the Presidency.⁷
7. On 14 August 2025, the Registry received the Application for Review, which was submitted as an attached letter *via* email.⁸

IV. Applicable law

8. The present submission is based on regulation 44(1) of the RoC and regulation 56 of the RoR.

V. Submission

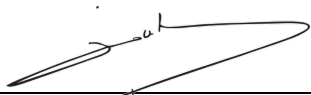
9. The Registry hereby transmits to the Presidency the relevant documents in the following annexes:
 - Annex I: The Applicant's application form and *curriculum vitae* for the inclusion to the List of Experts;
 - Annex II: Additional supporting documentation relating to the application for the inclusion to the List of Experts;
 - Annex III: The Independent Expert's assessment results;

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ Annex IV.

⁸ Annex V.

- Annex IV: The Registrar's Decision; and
- Annex V: The Application for Review.



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on behalf of
Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 25 August 2025

At The Hague, Netherlands