

**Cour
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Internationale**



**International
Criminal
Court**

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THE PRESIDENCY

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

SITUATION IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA I

**Public
With Public Annex**

Registry Transmission of "Observations from the African Bar Association and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers regarding the International Criminal Court Prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan's Request to be Excused from the Venezuela I Situation"

Source: Registry

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African Bar Association

International Association of Democratic
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Registry hereby transmits to the Presidency, the “Observations from the African Bar Association and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers regarding the International Criminal Court Prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan’s Request to be Excused from the Venezuela I Situation” (“Observations”), received on 22 August 2025, from Judith Akebe on behalf of Counsels for the African Bar Association (“AFBA”) and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (“IADL”).

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. On 22 August 2025, the Registry received an e-mail from Judith Akebe on behalf of Counsels for the AFBA and the IADL with one document attached consisting of the Observations.¹
2. On 25 August 2025, the Registry consulted with the Presidency to obtain guidance on the appropriate procedure for submitting the Observations and its annex into the case record.²
3. In response, the Presidency instructed the Registry to submit the Observations as public *via* a Registry’s transmission filing (“Instruction”).³

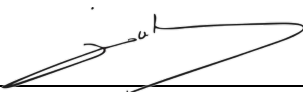
¹ E-mail sent by from Judith Akebe on behalf of Counsels for AFBA and the IADL to the Court Management Section (“CMS”) on 22 August 2025, at 19.22

² E-mail sent by CMS to the Legal Adviser of the Presidency on 25 August 2025, at 09.32.

³ E-mail sent by the Legal Adviser of the Presidency to CMS on 25 August 2025, at 17.31.

III. TRANSMISSION

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



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

Dated this 26 August 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands