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**International
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Court**

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

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

SITUATION IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA II

Public

Notification of decision not to initiate an investigation

Source: Office of the Prosecutor

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

☐ States Representatives

☐ Amicus Curiae

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Mr Osvaldo Zavala Giler

☐ Counsel Support Section

☒ Victims and Witnesses Unit

☐ Detention Section

☐ Victims Participation and Reparations
Section

☐ Other

1. On 13 February 2020, the Office of the Prosecutor received an article 14 referral from the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela concerning alleged crimes committed on its territory since 2014.¹
2. The Prosecution has now completed its preliminary examination of these allegations in accordance with article 53(1) of the Statute. It has notified the government of Venezuela of its determination that there is no reasonable basis to proceed to initiate an investigation, in accordance with rule 105(1) and (3).
3. As a courtesy, the Prosecution hereby also notifies the Pre-Trial Chamber of these events so it can take the appropriate procedural measures at such time as the 90-day period provided under rule 107(1) has elapsed.
4. Since this is filed publicly, and to avoid any doubt, the Prosecution recalls that the subject-matter of this notification is separate from—and has no bearing upon—the Prosecution’s ongoing investigation in the *Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I* (situation ICC-02/18).



Nazhat Shameem Khan, Deputy Prosecutor and Officer-in-Charge

Dated this 12th day of March 2026
At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹ See e.g. [ICC OTP, Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mrs Fatou Bensouda, on the referral by Venezuela regarding the situation in its own territory, 17 February 2020.](#)