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TRIAL CHAMBER X

Before: Judge Kimberly Prost, Presiding Judge
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera
Judge Keebong Paek

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

***IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. AL HASSAN AG ABDOUL AZIZ
AGMOHAMED AG MAHMOUD***

Public

With Public Annex I and Confidential Annexes II and III

Notification pursuant to the "Decision on the legal representation of Mr Al Hassan following the decision of the Disciplinary Appeals Board on sanctions to be imposed upon Ms Melinda Taylor" (ICC-01/12-01/18-2778, 9 March 2026)

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I. Introduction

1. The Registry hereby informs Trial Chamber X (“the Chamber”) of the appointment of Counsel for Mr Al Hassan in the present case further to the 23 February 2026 decision by the Disciplinary Appeals Board of the International Criminal Court (“DAB”)¹ and, in this regard, the Chamber’s instruction to the Registry, to “proceed with the appointment of a new Defence counsel for Mr Al Hassan as soon as practicable” (“Instruction”),² and of the execution of the undertakings required by the Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel (“Code”).

II. Classification

2. The present submission and its Annex I are classified as public, whereas its Annexes II and III are classified as confidential, in accordance with regulation 23*bis* of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”) due to privacy considerations.

III. Applicable Law

3. The following provisions are of particular relevance to the present submission: article 67(1)(d) of the Rome Statute, rules 21 and 22 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulations 23*bis*, 67, 69 and 73 of the RoC, regulations 123 of the Regulations of the Registry and articles 5, 8, 11 and 22(3) of the Code.

IV. Submissions

4. On 23 February 2026, the DAB issued the “Decision on the appeal of Ms Melinda Taylor against the decision of the Disciplinary Board dated 3 June 2025 (SDO-2025-156)” (“Decision”).³ In this Decision, the DAB found that “it is appropriate to remedy these errors by reducing the sanction imposed on Counsel pursuant to article 42(1)(d) of the Code of Conduct to 10 months of suspension to practise before the

¹ See para. 4 *infra*.

² Trial Chamber X, “Decision on the legal representation of Mr Al Hassan following the decision of the Disciplinary Appeals Board on sanctions to be imposed upon Ms Melinda Taylor”, 9 March 2026, ICC-01/12-01/18-2778 (“Decision”), para. 7.

³ Disciplinary Appeals Board of the International Criminal Court, “Decision on the appeal of Ms Melinda Taylor against the decision of the Disciplinary Board dated 3 June 2025 (SDO-2025-156)”, 23 February 2026, SDO-2026-022 (“Decision”).

Court” and instructed “the Registrar to ensure that the present decision is implemented in consultation with the relevant chambers as necessary.”⁴

5. On 9 March 2026, the Chamber issued the Instruction.⁵

6. On 12 March 2026, Mr Al Hassan requested to be represented by Ms Mélissa Beaulieu Lussier (“Ms Beaulieu”), Counsel registered on the Court’s List of Counsel, in the proceedings before the International Criminal Court (“Court”).⁶ On the same day, Ms Beaulieu accepted the mandate, as required by article 11 of the Code.

7. The Registry hereby files in the record of the case, the letter acknowledging the appointment of Ms Beaulieu as Counsel for Mr Al Hassan as per paragraph 7 of the Instruction,⁷ for the duration of Ms Taylor’s “10 months of suspension to practise before the Court.”⁸ The Registry further submits the solemn undertakings executed by Ms Beaulieu as required under the Code.⁹



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

Dated this 16 March 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁴ Decision, para. 72.

⁵ Pre-Trial Chamber I, “Decision on victims’ participation and legal representation”, 26 January 2026, ICC-01/21-01/25-358 (“Decision”), para. 31.

⁶ Public Annex I.

⁷ Confidential Annex II.

⁸ Decision, para. 72.

⁹ Confidential Annex III.