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Before: Judge Joanna Korner, Presiding Judge
Judge Keebong Paek
Judge Nicolas Guillou

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR v. RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE*

Public

**Registry's Observations on the Directions on the Conduct of the Proceeding,
adopted in the *Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman* case (ICC-02/05-
01/20-478 dated 04 October 2021)**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Trial Chamber III (“Chamber”) oral decision rendered during the First Status Conference hearing on 27 May 2026,¹ the Registry hereby submits its observations on the Directions on the Conduct of Proceeding, adopted in the *Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman* case, ICC-02/05-01/20-478.²

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

2. On 23 April 2026, Pre-Trial Chamber I confirmed the charges against Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte.³
3. On 24 April 2026, the Registry transmitted the case record to the Presidency.⁴
4. On 28 April 2026, the Presidency constituted Trial Chamber III and referred it the case of *The Prosecutor v. Rodrigo Roa Duterte*.⁵
5. On 30 April 2026, the Chamber issued its “Order Scheduling First Status Conference”.⁶
6. On 27 May 2026, during the First Status Conference hearing, the Chamber issued oral decisions, including instructing the parties, participants and the Registry to submit recommendations for

¹ Transcript ICC-01/21-01/25-T-009-CONF-ENG ET of 27 May 2026, page 48 at lines 15 – 19.

² Trial Chamber I, “Directions on the conduct of proceedings”, ICC-02/05-01/20-478, 04 October 2021.

³ Pre-Trial Chamber I, “Decision on the confirmation of charges against Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte”, ICC-01/21-01/25-417, 23 April 2026.

⁴ Registry, “Transmission to the Presidency of the Record of the Proceedings, including the “Decision on the confirmation of charges against Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte”, ICC-01/21-01/25-417, dated 23 April 2026”, ICC-01/21-01/25-419, 24 April 2026.

⁵ The Presidency, “Decision constitution Trial Chamber III and referring to it the case of *The Prosecutor v. Rodrigo Roa Duterte*”, ICC-01/21-01/25-420, 28 April 2026.

⁶ Trial Chamber III, “Order Scheduling First Status Conference”, ICC-01/21-01/25-423, 30 April 2026.

amendments to the Directions on the Conduct of Proceeding, ICC-02/05-01/20-478, adopted in the *Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman* case,⁷ by Friday 5 June 2026.

7. The Court Magement Section (“CMS”) consulted the relevant Registry sections to request their observations on the Conduct of the Proceedings.⁸ The Regisry makes the following reccommendations.⁹

III. SUBMISSIONS

*On Public Redacted Versions of Transcripts*¹⁰

8. The Registry invites the Chamber to consider adopting the procedure established by Trial Chamber VI in the *Prosecutor v. Mahamat Said Abdel Kani* case, entitled “Amended Procedure for Producing (Lesser) Public Redacted Versions of Transcripts”.¹¹ The Registry submits that this procedure has consistently proven effective and represents a best practice for the preparation and notification of public redacted versions of transcripts.
9. With respect to additional *post facto* redactions to the transcripts, as established by Trial Chamber VI in ICC-01/14-01/21-683, the Registry invites the Chamber to direct that parties and participants shall clearly identify the proposed redactions by email and transmit them to the Registry, together with the corresponding *post facto* redactions form.¹²

⁷ *Supra.* note 1, page 48 at lines 15 – 19.

⁸ Email sent by CMS to VPRS, VWS and LSS on 29 May 2026, at 15.54.

⁹ Email sent by VPRS and VWS to CMS on 02 June 2026 at 15.04 and 16.19 with no observations to the conduct of the proceedings.

¹⁰ *Supra.* note 2, para 65 – 67.

¹¹ Trial Chamber VI, “*Decision on Disagreements Regarding Lesser Redacted Versions of Public Transcripts*”, ICC-01/14-01/21-683, 31 January 2024, para 13 – 20.

¹² *Ibid.*, para 15.

Subject to the Chamber adopting the Registry's aforementioned proposals, the form will be circulated by email upon issuance of the Directions on the Conduct of the Proceedings.

On Transcripts Corrections¹³

10. The Registry respectfully invites the Chamber to adopt the transcript verification process implemented in the *Prosecutor v. Mahamat Said Abdel Kani*, as set out in ICC-01/14-01/21-757-Anx27. The Registry submits that this process has consistently demonstrated its effectiveness in practice and has facilitated the timely correction of transcripts.¹⁴

On in-court redactions¹⁵

11. The Registry invites the Chamber to take into account any delay associated with email communications, which may result in requests being received with limited time available for their implementation. The Registry requests that such submissions be made as promptly as possible, and in any event no later than 12 minutes after the information was revealed. The parties and participants should then have 4 minutes to raise any objections.¹⁶

On the Judicial Workflow Platform modules

12. The Registry submits that the Chamber, parties, and participants should make use of the witness-entity and evidentiary-materials (E-binders) modules in the Judicial Workflow Platform ("JWP") throughout the course of the trial, so that the record of the case may be maintained

¹³ *Supra.* note 2, para 68.

¹⁴ Registry, "Annex 27 to the Eighth Registry's Quarterly Report on Email Decisions for the months of January to March 2024", ICC-01/14-01/21-757-Anx27, 08 May 2024.

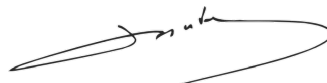
¹⁵ *Supra.* note 2, para 69 – 70.

¹⁶ Registry, "Annex 29 to the Confidential Version of Fourth Registry Report on Decisions issued by way of e-mail from 15 March 2021 to 10 June 2021", ICC-01/14-01/18-1025-Conf-Anx29, 14 June 2021.

within a single, consolidated, and comprehensive platform, thereby facilitating the work of all relevant actors.

13. The Registry hereby informs the Chamber that it held meetings with the parties and participants to present the JWP modules relevant to the conduct of the trial proceedings.¹⁷ Further discussions will take place, following which the Registry will provide its feedback and report on the outcome of those discussions, as directed by the Chamber, by 15 June 2026.¹⁸

14. The Registry stands ready to provide any further information concerning the use of the JWP or other ecourt applications, as may be directed by the Chamber.



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

Dated this 05 June 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹⁷ Meetings with the Defence for Mr Duterte and the Legal Representatives of Victims were held on 03 June 2026. Meeting with the Prosecution was held on 04 June 2026.

¹⁸ *Supra.* note 1, page 45 at lines 19 – 21.