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**International
Criminal
Court**

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Date: 17 July 2026

TRIAL CHAMBER III

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

**Decision adopting an amended protocol on the handling of confidential
information and contact with witnesses**

Decision 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

REGISTRY

Registrar

Mr Osvaldo Zavala Giler

☐ Counsel Support Section

☒ Victims and Witnesses Unit

☐ Detention Section

☐ Victims Participation and Reparations
Section

☐ Other

TRIAL CHAMBER III (the ‘Chamber’) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Rodrigo Roa Duterte*, pursuant to Articles 57(3)(c), 61(11) and 68(1) of the Rome Statute and Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, issues this ‘Decision adopting an amended protocol on the handling of confidential information and contact with witnesses’.

1. On 23 June 2026, the Chamber held the Second Status Conference,¹ during which the Defence indicated *inter alia* that it will submit observations concerning the adoption of a protocol on the handling of confidential information and contact with witnesses, which is annexed to the Chambers Practice Manual (the ‘Standard Protocol’).²

2. On 15 July 2026, not having received any observations, the Chamber adopted the Standard Protocol.³

3. On the same day, the Defence sought amendments to the Standard Protocol, indicating that although the requested amendments had been agreed upon by the parties and participants, this had not been communicated to the Chamber.⁴ The Prosecution and the Common Legal Representatives of Victims (the ‘CLRV’) subsequently confirmed their agreement to the Defence’s submission.⁵

4. Noting that the parties and participants agree upon the requested amendments to the Standard Protocol, the Chamber hereby adopts it for the present proceedings.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

ADOPTS the protocol as set out in the annex appended to the present decision.

¹ Transcript of hearing on 23 June 2026, ICC-01/21-01/25-T-010.

² Annex to Chambers Practice Manual, eighth edition, 21 October 2024. Transcript of hearing on 23 June 2026, ICC-01/21-01/25-T-010, pp. 5-6.

³ Email from the Chamber, [ICC-01/21-01/25 - Public] Decision on the protocol on the handling of confidential information and contact with witnesses, 15 July 2026, at 16:48.

⁴ Email from the Defence, 15 July 2026, at 19:08.

⁵ Email from the Prosecution, 16 July 2026, 15:19; Email from the CLRV, 16 July 2026, 15:35.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Joanna Korner
Presiding Judge



Judge Keebong Paek



Judge Nicolas Guillou

Dated this **17 July 2026**

At The Hague, The Netherlands