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APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Gocha Lordkipanidze , Presiding Judge
Judge Tomoko Akane
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza
Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa
Judge Erdenebalsuren Damdin

SITUATION IN LIBYA

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. KHALED MOHAMED ALI EL HISHRI

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Victims' response to the "Defence request for an extension of the page limit for the appeal brief" (No. ICC-01/11-01/25-163)

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I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 30 April 2026, the Defence filed a challenge to the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (the “Challenge”), which it corrected on 6 May 2026.¹

2. On 15 July 2026, Pre-Trial Chamber I issued a decision rejecting the Challenge on all grounds (the “Impugned Decision”).²

3. On 17 July 2026, the Defence filed its Notice of Appeal against the Impugned Decision.³

4. On 22 July 2026, the Defence filed a request for the suspension of the time limit contained in regulation 64(2) of the Regulations of the Court in light of the judicial recess.⁴

5. On 24 July 2026, the Presiding Judge granted the requested suspension of the time limit, finding good cause to extend the time limit for filing of the appeal brief on 28 August 2026.⁵

6. On 20 August 2026, the Defence filed a request for an extension of the page limit for its appeal brief to 35 pages (the “Request”).⁶

¹ See the “Corrected Version of ‘Defence Challenge to Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court Pursuant to Article 19 of the Rome Statute’ (ICC-01/11-01/25-108-Conf)”, [No. ICC-01/11-01/25-108-Conf-Corr](#) and [No. ICC-01/11-01/25-108-Corr-Red](#), 6 May 2026.

² See the “Decision on the Defence’s challenge to the jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to article 19 of the Statute” (Pre-Trial Chamber I), [No. ICC-01/11-01/25-142](#), 15 July 2026.

³ See the “Notice of Appeal Against ‘Decision on the Defence’s challenge to the jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to article 19 of the Statute’ (ICC-01/11-01/25-142)”, [No. ICC-01/11-01/25-145](#), 17 July 2026.

⁴ See the “Defence request for suspension of regulation 64(2) time limit”, [No. ICC-01/11-01/25-151](#), 22 July 2026.

⁵ See the “Decision on ‘Defence request for suspension of regulation 64(2) time limit’ (ICC-01/11-01/25-151)” (Appeals Chamber, Single Judge), [No. ICC-01/11-01/25-155](#), 24 July 2026.

⁶ See the “Defence request for an extension of the page limit for the appeal brief”, [No. ICC-01/11-01/25-163](#), 20 August 2026.

II. SUBMISSIONS

7. The Common Legal Representatives of the Victims do not oppose the Request, provided that they are granted a commensurate extension of the applicable page limit. In this regard, they note that the Defence does not object to such an extension.⁷

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated this 21st day of August 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁷ *Idem*, para. 14.