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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Péter Kovács, Single Judge

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR *v.* AL HASSAN AG ABDOUL AZIZ MOHAMED AG
MAHMOUD**

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Registry's Joint Report on Outreach and Other Victim Related Issues

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I. Introduction

1. On 24 May 2018, the Single Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I (“Chamber”) issued his Decision Establishing the Principles Applicable to Victims’ Applications for Participation (“Decision”) in the *Prosecutor v. Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Mohamed Ag Mahmoud* (“Case”).¹ In the Decision, the Single Judge ordered the Registry to submit a “joint report from PIDS and VPRS to be filed as confidential, *ex parte* Registry only within 10 days of the outreach mission’s completion; the report shall set down the measures taken, their impact on those concerned, and any difficulties encountered and suggestions to avoid their future recurrence.”²

II. Procedural History

2. On 24 May 2018, the Single Judge issued his Decision ordering the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”) and the Public Information and Outreach Section (“PIOS”) to file a report on their joint mission to Mali. In the Decision, the Single Judge also invited observations from the Registry on the following matters, after consultations with victims as appropriate:
 - i. Victims’ willingness to form groups and choose and authorize a person to represent them in a collective application;
 - ii. The benefit, if any, of introducing a collective application system in the case at bar for a large number of families and/or associations;
 - iii. Whether such a system could really facilitate the participation of a large number of victims; and
 - iv. If so, the most suitable approach for putting such a system in place, including the practical consequences on the reparations phase, with due consideration for the Court’s previous decisions and the

¹ Pre-Trial Chamber I, Decision Establishing the Principles Applicable to Victims’ Applications for Participation, 24 May 2018, ICC-01/12-01/18-37-tENG.

² *Ibid.*, at para. 17.

willingness to submit, at this early stage of the proceedings, a form containing a dedicated reparations section.³

3. On 20 July 2018, the Chamber decided to postpone the commencement of the hearing on the confirmation of charges in the Case to 6 May 2019.⁴

III. Classification

4. The annex to the present submission is classified as confidential *ex parte* only available to the Registry in accordance with the regulation 23 *bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC") and pursuant to article 68(1) of the Rome Statute and the instruction of the Single Judge.⁵ The Registry stands ready to prepare a public redacted version of the annex if the Chamber considers this appropriate.

IV. Applicable Law

5. The present report is made on the basis of article 68(1) and (3) of the Rome Statute, rules 85 to 89 and 92 of the Rules of Procedures and Evidence, regulations 86 and 88 of the RoC, and regulations 103 to 110 of the Regulations of the Registry.

³ *Ibid.* at para. 36.

⁴ Pre-Trial Chamber I, Décision portant report de la date de d'audience de confirmation des charges, 20 July 2018, ICC-01/12-01/18-94-Red.

⁵ Decision, para. 17.

V. Submission

6. The Registry concluded its field mission on 13 July 2018 and hereby transmits its joint report on outreach and other victim related issues as an annex to the present submission.



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on behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 27 July 2018

At The Hague, The Netherlands