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No. ICC-01/12-01/18

Date: 2 July 2020

TRIAL CHAMBER X

Before: Judge Kimberly Prost, Single Judge

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

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

Public

Decision on Ms Marie-Hélène Proulx's request for withdrawal

Decision to be notified in accordance with Regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

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Legal Representatives of Victims

Seydou Doumbia
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Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparations**

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**The Office of Public Counsel for the
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Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

Judge Kimberly Prost, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber X of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud*, having regard to Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court (the ‘Regulations’), issues the following ‘Decision on Ms Marie-Hélène Proulx’s request for withdrawal’.

1. On 23 May 2019, Pre-Trial Chamber I was notified of Ms Marie-Hélène Proulx’s appointment as Associate Counsel for Mr Al Hassan.¹
2. On 2 July 2020, Ms Proulx filed a request, seeking the Chamber’s authorisation under Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations to withdraw from the position of Associate Counsel with immediate effect (the ‘Request’).²
3. The Single Judge notes that the Request was made with the consent of the Lead Counsel, taking into account that the trial has not yet commenced and that a new Associate Counsel has already been recruited.³
4. Having regard to the fact that the Lead Counsel continues to represent the accused, and that Mr Al Hassan has been informed of Ms Proulx’s withdrawal,⁴ the Single Judge considers that no undue prejudice would arise by granting the Request.
5. As acknowledged in the Request,⁵ the Single Judge reminds Ms Proulx that she remains bound by her obligations under Articles 8, 15 and 17-18 of the Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel as well as any provisions of the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence relating to confidentiality.

¹ Notification of the Appointment of Ms Marie-Hélène Proulx as Associate Counsel for Mr Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud, ICC-01/12-01/18-354.

² Requête en retrait du conseil associé ICC-01/12-01/18-918.

³ Request, ICC-01/12-01/18-918, para. 2.

⁴ Request, ICC-01/12-01/18-918, para. 2.

⁵ Request, ICC-01/12-01/18-918, para. 3.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

GRANTS the Request.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Prost', is written over a horizontal line.

Judge Kimberly Prost

Single Judge

Dated this Thursday, 2 July 2020

At The Hague, The Netherlands