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TRIAL CHAMBER X

Before: Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua, Presiding
Judge Tomoko Akane
Judge Kimberly Prost

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

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

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Request to Withdraw

Source: Defence for Mr Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud

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1. In accordance with Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court, I hereby respectfully request leave to withdraw as Associate Counsel for Mr Al Hassan in the case of *Prosecutor v. Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud* (ICC-01/12-01/18) with immediate effect.
2. This request is submitted with the consent of both Mr Al Hassan and Lead Counsel. It takes into account (i) the continuing appointment of other Associate Counsel on the record (ii) the juncture presented by the conclusion of the Prosecution case, and (iii) the opportunity to afford incoming counsel time to prepare for the upcoming Defence case. Lead Counsel has confirmed that this withdrawal will not impact Defence preparations or existing deadlines in an adverse manner.
3. In the event that leave is granted, I affirm that I will continue to adhere to all relevant provisions of the ICC Code of Professional Conduct concerning confidentiality and record-keeping as provided in Articles 8, 15 and 17, as well as the relevant provisions of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Kirsty Sutherland
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Dated this 4th Day of February 2022
At The Hague, The Netherlands