

Annex 54

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Subject: Chamber Decisions Communication
 Trial Schedule for March and Ramadan period

Dear colleagues,
 Dear counsel,

The Chamber notes the Prosecution and Defence e-mails related to the sitting schedule for the month of March, as well as the Defence's request for adjusted sitting hours during Ramadan.

As regards the sitting schedule for the month of March, the Chamber authorises the Prosecution to examine P-0641 for an additional two hours. The Chamber notes in particular that this additional time will not impact the current trial schedule and that the one-day gap requested by the Defence is now scheduled on 24 March 2021.

The Chamber therefore vacates the hearing schedule on 24 March 2021.

Noting that the last witness before the Spring recess (P-0639) is expected to conclude his testimony on 31 March in the morning, and in light of other competing judicial proceedings, the Chamber also vacates the afternoon session on 31 March. Nonetheless, should additional time be required to conclude this testimony, the Chamber may also sit on 1 April 2021.

Lastly, the Chamber notes the Defence requests an adjusted schedule during Ramadan. Bearing in mind the rights of the accused, but also the need for expeditious conduct of proceedings, the Chamber grants the Defence request as follows:

- a. Mr Al Hassan is authorised to attend hearings via video-link from 13 April to 14 May 2021.
- b. As regards the request to sit 'compressed hours', the Chamber considers that a 1-hour lunch break may be adequate, not only for the accused, but also for ICC staff members following Ramadan. The Defence is therefore instructed to liaise with the Registry in order to determine whether a 1-hour lunch break could be accommodated for the duration of Ramadan, so that hearings adjourn at 15.30 instead of 16.00.
- c. The Prosecution, in consultation with the VWU, is instructed to schedule witnesses during the aforesaid period in a manner that allows a break of maximum one day between witnesses.

Kind regards,

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 (on behalf of Trial Chamber X)