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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

**Judge Iulia Antoanella Motoc, Presiding
Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera**

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

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Request for authorisation to file submissions

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I. Person(s)/organisation(s) submitting the request

1. The undersigned, Dr. Maria Stefania Cataleta, in her personal capacity as a scholar and expert in international law and international criminal law, respectfully submits this request for authorization to file *amicus curiae* submissions.

II. Purpose of Request/Legal Basis

2. (i) The purpose of the request is to provide observations to assist the Chamber in its consideration of Mr. Duterte's urgent application for interim release pending trial, to facilitate the proper determination and administration of the case, and to serve the interests of justice; (ii) The type of authorization requested for is the authorization for an *amicus curiae* to submit observations; and (iii) The legal basis for the *amicus curiae*'s submission is Rule 103 of the Rules on *amicus curiae* observations.

3. The *amicus curiae* has not made any previous request in this case.

III. Classification

4. The *amicus curiae* agrees to the classification of this request and the submissions as "confidential" in the first instance and then as "public" if the Chamber so decides.

IV. Arguments in support of the request

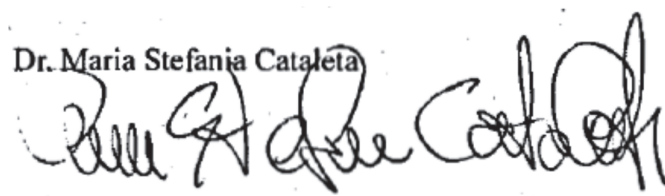
5. Rule 103(1) of the Rules provides that the Chamber may, at any stage of the proceedings, 'if it considers it desirable for the proper determination of the case, invite or grant leave to a State, organization or person to submit, in writing or orally, any observation on any issue that the Chamber deems appropriate'. To make a proper decision on Mr. Duterte's request for interim release, it will be to the Chamber's benefit to receive and consider as many perspectives as possible. The Case webpage shows that the Chamber has received submissions from the Defense team, the Prosecutor team, and the Victims team. These teams are all directly involved in the proceedings. What's missing is a perspective from a more neutral public, whose views are not affected by direct involvement in the proceedings and are oriented towards pursuing justice and the good administration of international proceedings. The undersigned *amicus curiae*'s submissions are intended to fill this gap.

6. The intended submission will have about 2500 words and take up about 7 pages. It is essentially a clear and succinct statement of the legal considerations relevant to the situation of Mr. Duterte and his application of interim release pending trial. In the drafting process, the *amicus curiae* has already tried her best to limit the length of the submission to the extent strictly necessary to present her observations in sufficiently clear and convincing terms.

V. Relief sought

7. The *amicus curiae* respectfully prays the Chamber to grant her request and authorize the submission of her observations. These observations are annexed hereto as a separate document, so that, if this request is granted, the Registry can transmit them to the Chamber without delay.

Dr. Maria Stefania Cataleta



Signature

Dated this Wednesday, 09 July 2025

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