

Annex 7

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Subject: Al Hassan: Report on Detention Centre temporary COVID-19 measures

Dear colleagues,

The Chamber has been seised of a request from the Defence for the Registry to prepare a report on the situation affecting Mr Al Hassan in the Detention Centre ahead of the next witnesses.

At the outset the Chamber notes with concern the way in which the Defence was informed of Mr Al Hassan's placement into quarantine late on Friday 13 November, without any information, in particular, on the impact on his attendance at the hearing the following Monday. This is despite the fact that the Chamber had requested the Registry to confirm on Friday evening that counsel had been made aware of the impact on Mr Al Hassan's presence at the hearing. Should any similar issue arise in future, it is incumbent on the Registry to promptly inform counsel of all relevant information. The Chamber also emphasises that all those involved in the proceedings, including the Registry's court officer and the VWU should also be duly informed of any matter that may have an impact in the trial proceedings.

To enable the Defence to plan its preparation for the upcoming three witnesses, the Chamber instructs the Registry to:

- (i) report by COB today on the status of the Defence's ability to visit and consult with Mr Al Hassan at the Detention Unit; and
- (ii) report by 4pm on Friday 20 November 2020 on the following: (a) the situation that led to the quarantine and current status; (b) updated information on the length of time that Mr Al Hassan is expected to remain in quarantine; (c) any update on item (i); and (d) any other relevant matter.

The reports may be provided by email.

Kind regards,

on behalf of Trial Chamber X