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Subject: RE: Request for extension of time - Back log Chamber's decisions to be filed by Registry

Dear colleagues,

Bearing in mind that this is the first quarterly report to be submitted by the Registry, the Single Judge exceptionally grants the extension of time sought. However, the Single Judge notes that the Chamber will not extend the deadline any further, including for the second quarterly report, as this will only serve to create a more significant backlog.

Kind regards,

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 (on behalf of the Single Judge to Trial Chamber X)

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Dear Trial Chamber X,

The Registry hereby requests the Chamber's approval to extend the deadline currently set on 1st January 2021, to submit the back log of email decisions dated November 2019 to August 2020.

Pursuant to the *Third decision on matters related to the conduct of proceedings*, 4 September 2020 (ICC-01/12-01/18-1040), the Chamber directed the Registry to file all email decisions on the case record in quarterly reports starting on 1 October 2020 (paras. 4 and 7 of the Decision)

On 1st October 2020, the Chamber has provided to the Registry/CMS the back log consisting of almost 200 decisions. As the Chamber may be aware, the CMS has been facing new challenges in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, the CMS has not had enough time to duly process the back log.

In compliance with the Chamber's instructions (see Decision, par. 6), the CMS is to redact each decision and further liaise with the parties and participants on the redactions applied or to be further implemented. CMS estimates that this process will likely take longer than expected due to the ongoing hearing activity as well as the upcoming winter recess during which it will be more difficult for the staff remaining on duty to coordinate with the parties and participants, implement further redactions and submit the report before the 1st of January 2021.

Extending the deadline by one month on **1st February 2021** to submit the report will enable CMS to process and implement the redactions sought with due diligence and in a safe way, having due regard to sensitive information at stake. It will also give the parties and participants enough time to discuss among themselves before sending back the agreed redactions to the CMS (unless objections are raised and will be subsequently ruled by the Chamber, see decision, par. 6).

The CMS submits that in light of the reasons exposed above, it has shown good cause pursuant to Regulation 35 of the RoC to extend the time limit and respectfully requests that the back log of the decisions be due on 1st of February 2021.

The Registry remains at the Chamber's disposal should further information be required,

Best regards,

