

Annex 7

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Subject: Decision on the Request for suspension of deadlines

Dear Counsel,
 Dear Colleagues,

In accordance Article 64(2) of the Rome Statute and Regulation 19(2) *bis* of the Regulations of the Court, the Chamber decides that time limits falling between 11 December 2020 and 10 January 2021 are suspended, with the exception of the following time limits:

- (i) The time limit for the Defence to propose redactions to the report of the Panel appointed pursuant to Regulation 135 and the Registry to file the redacted version(s) of the report (ICC-01/12-01/18-1006-Conf para. 39);
- (ii) The time limits set pursuant to paragraph 34(ii-iv) of the directions on the conduct of proceedings (ICC-01/12-01/18-789-AnxA) which apply following the testimony of witness P-0638; and
- (iii) The time limit for the filing of public redacted versions set pursuant to the email decision dated 10 November 2020 at 17:47.

In case any urgent matter arises during the judicial recess, the Chamber will assess on a case-by-case basis whether earlier submissions are indispensable.

Kind regards,

On behalf of Trial Chamber X

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 December 2020 11:35
To: Trial Chamber X Communications ; Al Hassan Prosecution Team ; D28 Al Hassan Defence Team ; V43 Victims Al Hassan Team
Subject: Request for suspension of deadlines during winter recess

Dear Trial Chamber X,

The Office of the Prosecutor, the Legal Representatives for Victims and the Defence respectfully request that, in accordance with Article 64(2) of the Rome Statute and Regulation 19(2) *bis* of the Regulations of the Court, the Chamber decide that time limits falling between 11 December 2020 (at 17:30) and 11 January 2021 (at 09:00) are suspended (with the exception of the deadline set pursuant to the email decision of 10 November 2020 at 17:47, requiring the parties to file public redacted versions of certain submissions by 31 December 2020).

This proposal has been agreed *inter partes* between the Office of the Prosecutor, the Legal Representatives for Victims and the Defence. This joint proposal has been prepared on the basis that this period is necessary to accommodate the additional difficulties associated with travel by members of the legal teams to visit family during the holiday period. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated quarantine requirements, which necessitate longer absences from the seat of the Court than might otherwise be customary, it is not possible to 'stagger' holidays to maintain a core team available to work continuously at the premises.

We note, in respect of the summer judicial recess, that the Chamber made an order in its email decision of 17 July 2020 at 10:11 suspending time limits for submissions filed between 17 July 2020 and 10 August 2020 but maintained the existing deadlines set during this period. It is respectfully submitted that there is good reason in respect of the December-January recess to suspend all time limits (*including* those currently set by the Chamber but *excluding* the filing of public redacted versions of submissions as noted above, given its utility for all parties to the proceeding and the publicity of the trial) in recognition of the abovementioned logistical difficulties and to reflect that the legal teams will be involved in preparations for the court hearings, including in particular the lengthy testimony of Witness P-0654 (currently scheduled to testify between 18 January 2021 and 29 January 2021).

Best regards,

██████████ (on behalf of the Al Hassan Defence)

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