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The Registry

The Registry is one of the four organs of the International Criminal Court and it is responsible for the non-judicial aspects of the administration and the servicing of the Court. All the tasks performed by the Registry are in clear support of the Court's strategic goals.

The work of the Registry is characterised by the fact that it must remain a neutral organ at all times. The Registry is conscious that the quality, efficiency, transparency and timeliness of its activities impact on the achievement of the overall mission of the Court. The Registry is guided by its statutory framework and by international standards and is forward-looking, particularly when it comes to information and communication technology.

Quality of justice

The aim of the services provided by the Registry is ultimately the conduct of fair, effective and expeditious public proceedings.

The Registry's Counsel Support Section enables suspects and accused persons to be represented by a defence counsel and, in keeping with the principle of equality of

arms, supports defence counsel in carrying out their mandates. The section also assists counsel for victims and is in charge of the legal assistance paid by the Court.

The Division of Court Services underpins the investigations and trials through such fundamental functions as assistance to victims with their participation in the judicial proceedings and with their applications for reparations, the protection of witnesses and the running of the Detention Centre. This division also provides translation and interpretation services for all hearings and is responsible for records, filings, notifications and is entrusted with court management.

The work of the Public Information and Outreach Section (PIOS) is instrumental to working towards the quality of justice insofar as it ensures that trials are indeed made public and accessible, in particular to those communities affected by the commission of crimes under the Court's jurisdiction.

The Security and Safety Section enables investigations and trials to run by providing security and safety to all participants to their best abilities.

A well-recognised and adequately supported institution

The Registry is in regular contact with the various groups of stakeholders of the Court in such areas as public information, outreach and external relations.

External relations activities are geared towards securing the support of States and international organisations in such matters as witness protection, enforcement of sentences, information exchange, field logistics and security. The Registry is also responsible for implementing Chamber's orders, such as the execution of arrest warrants and the tracing and freezing of assets.

Non-governmental organisations, the legal profession and academia are other key players in the system of international criminal law with which the Registry is engaged. Generally speaking, contact with stakeholders is established and managed by the Immediate Office of the Registrar.

The External Operations Support Section, the Legal Office and PIOS also play important roles in relations with

stakeholders. Likewise such sections as the Victims Participation and Reparations Section, the Victims and Witnesses Section and even the Detention Section can effectively discharge their mandates only through exchanges and interaction with these external actors. Outreach is central to achieving the Court's goal of becoming a well-recognised and supported institution. The Registry is responsible for developing and implementing the outreach programme in line with the Court's detailed Strategic Plan on outreach. The Court must seek to bridge the distance between itself and the affected communities by establishing an effective system of two-way communication. This shall enable a better understanding of their concerns and expectations and shall serve to increase their confidence in international criminal justice.

A model for public administration

The various operational sections, such as the External Operations Support Section, the Security and Safety Section, together with the Legal office, all play a fundamental role in ensuring the

establishment of an adequate, but lean framework for the Court within which they provide their services.

The Division of Administration provides proper information technology, compiles sound and accurate budget proposals, ensures accurate accounting, procures goods, provides logistics, operates field offices and maintains the premises of the Court, among other functions, which all form part of creating an efficient, flexible and accountable organisation.

Critical to these efforts are the functions of the Human Resources Section, which provides substantive input in shaping and implementing the goals related to the organisation's main asset, namely its staff.

The support that is provided by the Registry to all organs of the Court is also extended to offices that are administratively linked to it.



Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

On 10 February 2023, the judges of the International Criminal Court elected Osvaldo Zavala Giler (Ecuador) as Registrar. Mr Zavala Giler assumed office on 17 April 2023 for a five year mandate.

Mr Zavala Giler is the first former ICC staff member to assume this function, as well as the first national of a Latin American nation to do so.

Before being elected Registrar, Mr Zavala Giler worked at the Court since 2010 in different capacities; he served as Chief of the Budget Section (2022-2023), Senior Special Assistant to the Registrar (2016-2022), Head of Office of the Court's Liaison Office to the United Nations in New York (2018-2019) and Special Assistant to the Registrar (2010-2016). Mr Zavala Giler is also one of the founding members of ICCQ, the Sexual and Gender Diversity Network at the Court.

Prior to joining the Court, Mr Zavala Giler worked as a Legal Officer, Legal Adviser and Liaison Officer to the United Nations for the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), from 2006 to 2010, both in New York and in The Hague. He also worked in a law firm in Ecuador from 2000 to 2003, including on cases before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Mr Zavala Giler graduated as a lawyer from the Universidad Católica de Santiago de Guayaquil, Ecuador, and is a licenced member of the Foro de Abogados de Ecuador. He also holds a Bachelor degree in Social and Political Science from the same University.



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