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Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut
Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou

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I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to Pre-Trial Chamber I's "Decision on Information and Outreach for the Victims of the Situation" issued on 13 July 2018 ("Chamber" and "Decision of 13 July 2018", respectively),¹ the Registry hereby submits its seventh report on the progress of its activities related to information and outreach for victims and affected communities in the situation in the State of Palestine ("Situation").

II. Procedural History

2. On 13 July 2018, the Chamber issued its decision by which it, *inter alia*, ordered the Registry to: *i*) "establish, as soon as practicable, a system of public information and outreach activities for the benefit of victims and affected communities of the situation in Palestine";² *ii*) submit an initial report on its activities "at a time deemed appropriate but no later than 14 December 2018" and inform the Chamber, every three months, about the progress of its information and outreach activities and the challenges encountered;³ and *iii*) "create an informative page on the Court's website, especially directed to the victims in the situation of Palestine".⁴
3. On 12 November 2018, 12 February, 13 May, 9 August and 14 November 2019 and 12 February 2020 the Registry filed its initial,⁵ second,⁶ third,⁷

¹ Pre-Trial Chamber I, "Decision on Information and Outreach for the Victims of the Situation", 13 July 2018, ICC-01/18-2.

² Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10, *lit.* a) and paras. 13-18.

³ Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10 *lit.* b) and para. 19.

⁴ Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10 *lit.* c) and para.18.

⁵ Registry, "Registry's Initial Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation", 12 November 2018, ICC-01/18-3-Conf. A public redacted version dated 19 November 2018 was registered on 20 November 2019, ICC-01/18-3-Red.

⁶ Registry, "Registry's Second Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation", dated 12 February 2019 and registered 13 February 2019, ICC-01/18-4-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-4-Red.

fourth,⁸ fifth⁹ and sixth¹⁰ reports, respectively, on the progress relating to information and outreach activities for victims and affected communities in the Situation.

4. On 22 January 2020, the Office of the Prosecutor (“OTP”) submitted a request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine (“Request of 22 January 2020”).¹¹ In the Request of 22 January 2020, the Prosecutor submitted that she is satisfied that there is a reasonable basis to initiate an investigation into the Situation pursuant to article 53(1) of the Statute,¹² and that she considers that the International Criminal Court (“Court” or “ICC”) has the necessary jurisdiction in this Situation.¹³ However, mindful of “the unique history and circumstances of the Occupied Palestinian Territory”, the Prosecutor deemed necessary to seek confirmation that “the ‘territory’ over which the Court may exercise its jurisdiction under article 12(2)(a) comprises the Occupied Palestinian Territory, that is the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza.”¹⁴
5. On 28 January 2020, the Chamber issued an order setting the procedure and schedule for the submission of observations with respect to the Request of

⁷ Registry, “Registry’s Third Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 13 May 2019, ICC-01/18-5-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-5-Red.

⁸ Registry, “Registry’s Fourth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 9 August 2019, ICC-01/18-6-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-6-Red.

⁹ Registry, “Registry’s Fifth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, dated 14 November 2019 and registered on 15 November 2019, ICC-01/18-7.

¹⁰ Registry, “Registry’s Sixth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 February 2020, ICC-01/18-20-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-20-Red.

¹¹ Office of the Prosecutor, “Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine”, 22 January 2020, ICC-01/18-12.

¹² Request of 22 January 2020, para. 2.

¹³ Request of 22 January 2020, para. 5.

¹⁴ Request of 22 January 2020, paras. 5 and 220.

22 January 2020 (“Order of 28 January 2020”).¹⁵ The Chamber invited the States of Palestine and Israel, as well as victims in the Situation, to submit written observations on the Request of 22 January 2020 by no later than 16 March 2020.¹⁶ In addition, the Chamber held that other States, organisations and/or persons may submit applications for leave to file written observations by no later than 14 February 2020 and, if authorised, to file their observations no later than 16 March 2020.¹⁷ The Chamber also held that any observations shall be limited to the question of jurisdiction set forth in paragraph 220 of the Request of 22 January 2020.¹⁸

6. Between 12 and 16 March 2020, submissions were received from several legal representatives on behalf of victims.
7. On 9 and 24 April 2020, the Registry transmitted to the Chamber powers of attorney received from nine teams of legal representatives who submitted observations on behalf of victims.¹⁹
8. On 30 April 2020, the OTP submitted its response to the observations of *amici curiae*, legal representatives of victims and States.²⁰

¹⁵ Pre-Trial Chamber I, “Order setting the procedure and the schedule for the submission of observations”, 28 January 2020, ICC-01/18-14.

¹⁶ Order of 28 January 2020, para. 13.

¹⁷ Order of 28 January 2020, para. 17.

¹⁸ Order of 28 January 2020, para. 15. Paragraph 220 of the Requests reads as follows: “The Prosecution respectfully requests Pre-Trial Chamber I to rule on the scope of the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in the situation of Palestine and to confirm that the “territory” over which the Court may exercise its jurisdiction under article 12(2)(a) comprises the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza. In doing so, the Chamber is invited to issue its ruling, subject to any modification needed to accommodate representations by other participants, within 120 days. This time line is based on the timeline for article 15 requests and the similarity of the nature and scope of the present Request and an article 15 request.”

¹⁹ Registry, “Transmission of powers of attorney”, 9 April 2020, ICC-01/18-129-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on 14 April 2020, ICC-01/18-129-Red. Registry, “Second transmission of powers of attorney”, 24 April 2020, ICC-01/18-130-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-230-Red.

²⁰ Office of the Prosecutor, “Prosecution Response to the Observations of Amici Curiae, Legal Representatives of Victims, and States”, 30 April 2020, ICC-01/18-131.

III. Classification

9. Pursuant to regulation 23bis(1) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”), this report is classified as “confidential” since it contains sensitive information [Redacted].
10. The Registry will file, at the same time, a public redacted version of the present report.

IV. Applicable Law

11. The Registry submits the present report pursuant to the Chamber’s instruction²¹ as well as the applicable law noted by the Chamber in its Decision of 13 July 2018,²² and in accordance with regulations 8 and 23bis(1) of the RoC and regulation 6 of the Regulations of the Registry.

V. Submissions

A. Registry’s activities during the reporting period (12 February – 10 May 2020)

12. During the reporting period, staff members of the Public Information and Outreach Section (“PIOS”) and of the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”) maintained contact with various interlocutors who sought information about the developments in the Situation.
13. [Redacted].
14. [Redacted].
15. During the reporting period, Arabic and Hebrew translations of the Order of 28 January 2020 were posted on the ICC website. Furthermore, PIOS

²¹ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 19 and Disposition, *lit. b*) on p. 10.

²² Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 6.

continued working on information materials about the Court in Arabic and Hebrew. PIOS also focused on the “Understanding the ICC” leaflet²³ and the “ICC at a Glance” publication which provide an overview of the ICC work and activities.²⁴ Once finalised, these documents will be posted on the ICC website and disseminated [Redacted] to ensure they have accurate information about the Court and for further distribution [Redacted].

16. In coordination with the OTP, the Registry updated the Palestine-specific page on the ICC website to include the recent developments in the Situation.²⁵ Moreover, the VPRS posted on this page specific information for victims and victims' representatives on the ongoing proceedings related to the Situation, in English, Arabic and Hebrew.²⁶ The Palestine-specific page on the Court's website is regularly updated to include the developments in the Situation.

17. Throughout the reporting period, the VPRS was in regular contact with representatives who submitted observations on behalf of victims in the proceedings before the Chamber relating to the Request of 22 January 2020. The VPRS engaged with these representatives, both in written communications as well as by phone and videoconferences. It provided information, assistance and support regarding the form and content of relevant submissions, also in consultation with the Chamber and the Court Management and Counsel Support Sections of the Registry.

²³ <https://www.icc-cpi.int/Publications/ICCAAtAGlanceENG.pdf>, accessed on 5 May 2020.


²⁴ <https://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/PIDS/publications/UICCEng.pdf>, accessed on 5 May 2020.

²⁵ <https://www.icc-cpi.int/palestine>, accessed on 5 May 2020.

²⁶ Id.

B. Subsequent activities

18. The VPRS will continue to disseminate information about the ICC proceedings amongst its interlocutors and it will keep them informed about all developments in the Situation. [Redacted]. The VPRS will also continue transmitting powers of attorney to the Chamber as they are received from representatives of victims; it will also continue to provide assistance and support as needed.
19. PIOS will continue preparing information materials in Arabic and Hebrew and post them on the ICC website as they become available.
20. Considering the travel and other restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic, PIOS is exploring the feasibility of conducting, throughout this period, [Redacted].
21. Once the COVID-19 related restrictions will be lifted and subject to availability of resources, PIOS will resume preparations for [Redacted].
22. The VPRS and PIOS will continue to work closely together and will carry out joint activities whenever possible and relevant.



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Dated this 11 May 2020

At The Hague, The Netherlands