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Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

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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 eighteenth 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. Since 12 November 2018, the Registry files regularly its periodic reports⁵ on the progress relating to information and outreach activities for victims and affected communities in the Situation.

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 See Registry, last "Seventeenth Registry Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation", 11 November 2022, ICC-01/18-153-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-153-Red.

4. On 5 February 2021, the Chamber issued the “Decision on the Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine”.⁶ The Chamber decided, by majority, that the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in the Situation in Palestine, a State Party to the Rome Statute, extends to the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, namely Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.⁷
5. On 3 March 2021, the Prosecutor on the International Criminal Court (“ICC” and “Court”) confirmed the initiation of an investigation into the Situation.⁸

III. Classification

6. Pursuant to regulation 23*bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”), this report is classified as “confidential” since it contains sensitive information [REDACTED].
7. The Registry will concomitantly file a public redacted version of the present report.

IV. Applicable Law

8. The Registry submits the present report pursuant to the Chamber’s instruction⁹ as well as the applicable law recalled by the Chamber in its Decision of 13 July 2018,¹⁰ and in accordance with regulations 8 and 23*bis*(1) of the RoC and regulation 6 of the Regulations of the Registry.

⁶ Pre-Trial Chamber I, “Decision on the ‘Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine’”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143.

⁷ *Id.*, p. 60; See also “Judge Péter Kovács’ Partly Dissenting Opinion”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143-Anx1 and “Partly Separate Opinion of Judge Perrin de Brichambaut”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143-Anx2.

⁸ Statement of the former ICC Prosecutor, Ms Fatou Bensouda, regarding an investigation of the Situation in Palestine, 3 March 2021, <https://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=210303-prosecutor-statement-investigation-palestine>.

⁹ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 19 and Disposition, *lit.* b) on p. 10.

¹⁰ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 6.

V. Submissions

A. Registry activities during the reporting period (11 November 2022 – 10 February 2023)

a. Activities conducted by PIOS

9. During the reporting period, the Public Information and Outreach Section (“PIOS”) held the first of a series of hybrid information sessions [REDACTED]. This activity focused on victims’ rights before the Court, the proceedings and possible [REDACTED] in further outreach activities. There were interventions from PIOS, the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”), the Office of the Prosecutor and the Office of Public Counsel for Victims.
10. [REDACTED], was crucial for consulting partners on possible topics for the information session, the program, participants and dates. As a result, the information session was very successful, which was also demonstrated by the high numbers of participants, lively discussion and questions and answers sessions. In addition, the [REDACTED] offered a way to have a regular engagement with [REDACTED] and to address in a timely manner their questions and suggestions. This contributed to strengthening partnerships.
11. PIOS also took the opportunity [REDACTED] being present at the Assembly of States Parties in December last year, to meet with them in person and discuss outreach plans for 2023.
12. Throughout the reporting period, PIOS also advanced preparations for the [REDACTED], PIOS consulted online [REDACTED] - about the program, dates and the expectations. These meetings offered an opportunity to know better [REDACTED] and to start identifying possible partnerships and outreach projects. Discussions also focused on common perceptions and concerns about the Court, how to tailor messages and possible outreach activities, strategies and approaches to clarify misunderstandings and

manage expectations. [REDACTED] showed a lot of interest for this activity and PIOS is considering broadening the participants list.

13. In addition, PIOS continued compiling social media and traditional (online) media reports aiming at monitoring perceptions and reactions in relation to the Situation and shared them with relevant ICC counterparts.

b. Activities carried out by the VPRS

14. During the reporting period, the VPRS engaged with interlocutors who sought information about matters relating to victim participation and relevant judicial developments in the Situation. It also engaged with civil society actors in outreach sessions, including as outlined above.¹¹

15. [REDACTED].

B. Subsequent activities

16. In the coming months, PIOS will focus on preparations for [REDACTED]. It will also advance the continuation of the series of online information sessions [REDACTED]. PIOS is currently holding consultations with partners on the topics and on possible dates, interpretation needs and possible partnership for [REDACTED], in the format of an online information session with the possibility [REDACTED].

17. PIOS will continue to inform the public and provide relevant information about judicial developments in the Situation, if any. In addition, PIOS will carry on performing its regular activities of media monitoring, production of information materials in Arabic and Hebrew and updating its list of contacts when relevant.

¹¹ See *supra*, para. 9.

18. VPRS will continue its activities, including any relevant updates of victim messages.

19. VPRS and PIOS will continue to work closely together and will carry out joint activities whenever possible and relevant.

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At The Hague, The Netherlands