**Cour Pénale Internationale** 



International Criminal Court

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Date: 18 March 2020

### PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Péter Kovács, Presiding Judge

Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut

Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou

## SITUATION ON REGISTERED VESSELS OF THE UNION OF THE COMOROS, THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC OF GREECE AND THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

#### **Public Document**

Response of the Victims to the "Prosecution's Urgent Request for Extension of Time" dated 16 March 2020

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# Response of the Victims Represented by the Legal Representatives of Victims to the Prosecution Request

- 1. The Victims of the attack on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla who are represented by the Legal Representatives for Victims, Rodney Dixon QC and Haydee Dijkstal, hereby file this response to the "Prosecution's Urgent Request for Extension of Time" dated 16 March 2020. This response is filed pursuant to Regulation 24(2) and Regulation 34(b) of the Regulations of the Court.
- 2. The Victims support the reasons set out by the Prosecution for an extension of the time limits and submit that these reasons demonstrate good cause to grant an extension of time to the schedule as ordered by the Chamber on 6 March 2020.<sup>2</sup> It is submitted that the measures taken in response to the global COVID-18 pandemic impact all of the parties, including the Legal Representatives of the Victims' ability to communicate with Victims in order to prepare the submissions in the current proceedings.
- 3. The Victims submit that the Prosecution's suggested amendment to the current timetable of approximately one month is reasonable in the circumstances, and support the proposed alternative deadlines for all parties as set out in the Prosecution's Request at paragraph 3.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. The Victims therefore respectfully request that the Chamber grant the Prosecution's Request in respect of all parties to the current proceedings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prosecution's Urgent Request for Extension of Time, ICC-01/13-102, 16 March 2020 (hereinafter "Prosecution Request").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Order on the filing of responses and replies, ICC-01/13-101, 6 March 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Prosecution Request, paras. 3, 8.

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Dated 18 March 2019 London