Cour Pénale Internationale



International Criminal Court

Original: English No.: ICC-02/18

Date: **19 February 2020**

THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, President

Judge Robert Fremr, First Vice-President

Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Second Vice-President

SITUATION IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA I

Public with public Annex I

Decision assigning the Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela II and reassigning the Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I to Pre-Trial Chamber III

Decision to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Fatou Bensouda James Stewart

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims

Paolina Massidda

The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence Xavier-Jean Keïta

REGISTRY

Registrar

Peter Lewis

Counsel Support Section Esteban Peralta Losilla

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Nigel Verrill

Other

Victims Participation and Reparations Section

Philipp Ambach

THE PRESIDENCY of the International Criminal Court (the 'Court');

NOTING the memorandum of 17 February 2020 from the Prosecutor addressed to the Presidency, in accordance with regulation 45 of the Regulations of the Court (the 'Regulations'), informing that on 13 February 2020, she received from the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela a referral under article 14 of the Rome Statute concerning a second situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela ('Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela II'); ¹

NOTING regulation 46(2) of the Regulations, pursuant to which the Presidency shall assign a situation to a Pre-Trial Chamber as soon as the Prosecutor has informed the Presidency in accordance with regulation 45;

NOTING the Presidency's decision of 28 September 2018 assigning a first situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Pre-Trial Chamber I ('Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I');²

NOTING that the Prosecutor's indication that the two referrals appear to overlap geographically and temporally and may warrant assignment to the same Pre-Trial Chamber;³

NOTING that on 25 June 2019 the Presidency constituted Pre-Trial Chamber III;⁴

NOTING the 'Decision assigning judges to divisions and recomposing Chambers' issued on 16 March 2018,⁵ the current workload of Chambers in the Pre-Trial Divisions, and the individual workload of the judges;

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² Decision assigning the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Pre-Trial Chamber I, 28 September 2018, ICC-02/18-1.

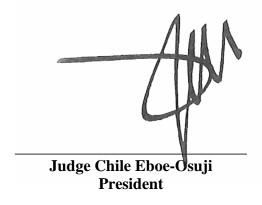
³ Annex I.

⁴ Decision on the constitution of Pre-Trial Chamber III and the assignment of the situation in the People's Republic of Bangladesh/Republic of the Union of Myanmar, 25 June 2019, ICC-01/19-1.

⁵ See e.g. Decision assigning judges to divisions and recomposing Chambers, 16 March 2018, ICC-01/11-59.

HEREBY DECIDES to assign the Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela II to Pre-Trial Chamber III and to reassign the Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I from Pre-Trial Chamber I to Pre-Trial Chamber III, with immediate effect.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Dated this 19 February 2020 At The Hague, The Netherlands