

# How to fill in the Form for victims' views and concerns concerning the resumption of an investigation in the Situation of Venezuela I

**Form for victims' views and concerns on the resumption of an investigation in the Situation of Venezuela I**

On 3 November 2021, the ICC Prosecutor opened the investigation into the Situation of Venezuela I further to a referral submitted by a group of States Parties on 27 September 2018. The overall scope of the Situation of Venezuela I and of the Prosecutor's intended investigation encompasses any conduct amounting to crimes within the jurisdiction of the ICC that are alleged to have been committed in Venezuela since 12 February 2014. The Prosecutor specifically focuses on crimes against humanity of imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty pursuant to article 7(1)(d); torture pursuant to article 7(1)(e); rape and/or other forms of sexual violence of comparable gravity pursuant to article 7(1)(g); and persecution on political grounds against persons held in detention pursuant to article 7(1)(h) allegedly committed by members of the State security forces, civilian authorities and pro-government individuals (so-called colectivos), since at least April 2017.

On 18 April 2022, the Government of Venezuela sought a deferral of the Prosecutor's investigation due to the ongoing national proceedings. On 1 November 2022, the Prosecutor requested the Judges of the Pre-Trial Chamber to authorize the resumption of the investigation pursuant to Article 18(2) of the Rome Statute.

Victims of crimes under the ICC's jurisdiction have the right to participate in judicial proceedings. For this reason, on 18 November 2022, the Chamber ordered the Registry (Victims' Participation and Reparations Section, "VPRS") to consult with victims regarding the Prosecutor's request for the resumption of its investigation.

The present form aims to help victims of these alleged crimes in presenting to the Judges their views and concerns regarding the Prosecutor's request. This form may be used by individual victims or groups of victims (or persons/organizations representing them).

Please note that this form is exclusively for the present consultation process. Should the judges authorize the resumption of an investigation, victims may be able at a later stage to apply for participation in potential judicial proceedings, if one or more suspects are identified and brought to the ICC. If such case proceedings are started in the future, victims would also be entitled to request and receive reparations in case they are convicted.

This form can be filled in by hand, or electronically if you use the fillable PDF version available for download on the ICC website. Once filled in, the form should be sent:

- by email to VPRS at [VPRS.Information@icc-epi.int](mailto:VPRS.Information@icc-epi.int)
- or by post to the following address: The International Criminal Court, Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS), P.O. Box 19519, 2500 CM, The Hague, The Netherlands.

You can also fill in the online form on the ICC website if you prefer.

If you want to send your views and concerns through an alternative secure channel, please contact the VPRS at [VPRS.Information@icc-epi.int](mailto:VPRS.Information@icc-epi.int) for more information.

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**PART A - PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THE VICTIM(S)**

It is crucial that the spaces provided in the form for writing are not enough. If more space is needed, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the form. Victims may be listed in bullet points.

1. Please complete the table below with the personal information of the victim(s) who wish to participate in the consultation process.

All the ICC victims are natural persons who have suffered harm as a result of the commission of any crime within the jurisdiction of the Court. Victims may be listed in bullet points.

Direct victims are those persons who suffered direct harm as a result of a crime within the jurisdiction of the Court. Indirect victims are those who suffered harm as a result of the harm suffered by the direct victim (the survivor). If the person is a family member of a victim, victims may also include organizations or institutions that have sustained direct harm to one of their properties which is dedicated to religion, education, art or science or charitable purposes, and to their historic monuments, hospitals and other places and objects for humanitarian purposes.

Name(s)	Surname(s)	Date of birth*	Gender*	Country of nationality	Country of residence
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\* Use the following codes to indicate the date of birth, or approximate age, or sex (as given):  
 2 This includes men, women, non-binary gender and transgender people, or others.

2. How many victims are submitting this form?

3. Contact information of the victim or person submitting the form on behalf of a group of victims

If the form is completed by an individual victim, please provide your contact information. If the form is completed by a group of victims, they should designate a contact person for the process whose contact information should be provided below. This can be someone mentioned in the table above or another trusted person.

Please provide the following contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (street name/number, city, country): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name, phone number, email of the organization or association (as appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

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4. If you are submitting the form on behalf of a group of victims, briefly describe your relationship to the victim(s).

Relationship	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Family member of the victim or trusted person	
<input type="checkbox"/> A community representative	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization and/or representative of the civil society	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	

5. If you are submitting the form on behalf of a group of victims, is this form being submitted with the consent of all the victim(s) enumerated above?  
 Yes  No @ the answer is no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What happened to the victim(s)? Please briefly describe the events that caused the harm(s) suffered by the victim(s).  
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7. Where did the event(s) occur?  
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8. When did the event(s) occur?  
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9. Who does the victim(s) believe to be responsible for the harm(s) they suffered?  
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10. Describe briefly what harm(s) the victim(s) suffered.  
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**PART B - VIEWS AND CONCERNS OF THE VICTIM(S)**

An ICC investigation of potential crimes under its jurisdiction may proceed where the relevant state is inactive, unwilling or unable genuinely to carry out investigations or prosecutions regarding potential acts that may constitute crimes under the ICC's jurisdiction.

11. Do the victim(s) want the Prosecutor of the ICC to resume an investigation into the Situation of Venezuela I?  
 Yes  No Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Do the victim(s) have any additional views and concerns that they wish to communicate the Judges regarding an investigation of the Situation of Venezuela I?  
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13. Do the victim(s) have reasons to be concerned about security, including that of their family, as a result of their interactions with the Court?  
 Yes  No if yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Do the victim(s) consent to provide the information contained in this form to the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) for the purpose of potential programs?  Yes  No

Signature of victim / representative of victim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

No additional documents are required in order for this form to be considered complete.

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The template form for victims' views and concerns concerning the resumption of an investigation in the Situation of Venezuela I is available in **two formats**:

- An **online** version of the form which can be filled in directly on the ICC website without a need to download the form on your computer: <https://www.icc-cpi.int/victims/situation-bolivarian-republic-venezuela-i>

*Alternatively:*

- A **flat PDF** or a **fillable PDF** version available for download on the ICC website: <https://www.icc-cpi.int/victims/situation-bolivarian-republic-venezuela-i> which can be filled in either by hand (flat PDF) or electronically (fillable PDF) and sent:
  - per email to VPRS at [VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int](mailto:VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int)
  - OR to

The International Criminal Court  
Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS)  
P.O. Box 19519, 2500 CM  
The Hague, The Netherlands

If you want to send your views and concerns through an alternative secure channel, please contact the VPRS at [VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int](mailto:VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int) for more information.

For each victim/group of victims, please fill in **only one single form type** - either online or PDF - depending on your internet connection/computer capacity and security concerns.

To the extent possible, try to fill in the template form **in English** as this will considerably reduce the time taken to process your views and concerns (as translation time will be avoided).

Please **be concise** and aware of the space limitations of this template form when filling it in. If the space provided in the form for some of the questions is not sufficient, you can continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the form.

Victims can also submit views and concerns **in other formats**, i.e. video, audio, etc. However, it is important that the views and concerns, irrespective of their format, contain to the extent possible all information requested in the template form. Please be concise when making a recording and, to the extent possible, ensure that the duration of the audio/video recording is less than 10 minutes. To the extent possible, the person submitting the views and concerns should speak English or consecutive translation/subtitles into English should be included in the video. This will considerably reduce the time taken to process your audio/video submission (as transcription and translation time will be avoided).

For each victim/group of victims, please either fill in the form or submit the views and concerns in another format. The same victim/group of victims should only submit **one form for all crimes suffered** in order to avoid any unnecessary complications and duplication.

Please submit your forms as soon as possible, as they will be transmitted by the VPRS to the ICC Judges on a rolling basis. **The deadline for victims to submit forms is 7 March 2023**. The VPRS will submit its final report to the Judges on 21 March 2023.

Please note that at this stage of the proceedings victims do NOT need to be represented by lawyers. Lawyers who want to assist victims in sharing their views and concerns with the ICC Judges are not entitled to legal aid before the ICC (i.e. they will not be remunerated for their efforts by the ICC). At this stage of the proceedings, the Pre-Trial Chamber has not and will not take a decision on (common) legal representation of victims.

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On 16 April 2022, the Government of Venezuela sought a deferral of the Prosecutor's investigation due to the ongoing national proceedings. On 1 November 2022, the Prosecutor requested the Judges of the Pre-Trial Chamber to authorize the resumption of the investigation pursuant to Article 18(2) of the Rome Statute.

Victims of crimes under the ICC's jurisdiction have the right to participate in judicial proceedings. For this reason, on 18 November 2022, the Chamber ordered the Registry (Victims Participation and Reparations Section, 'VPRS') to consult with victims regarding the Prosecutor's request for the resumption of its investigation.

The scope of the Venezuela I situation, as defined in the Referral made by six State Parties to the ICC, covers crimes against humanity under the ICC jurisdiction, including: murder, imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty; torture; rape and other forms of sexual violence; persecution of an identifiable group or collectivity on political grounds and enforced disappearance of persons, committed by State authorities on the territory of Venezuela since 12 February 2014.

In the [OTP Request to resume the investigation](#) in the Venezuela I Situation, the Prosecutor focuses on the crimes against humanity of imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty pursuant to article 7(1)(e); torture pursuant to article 7(1)(f); rape and/or other forms of sexual violence of comparable gravity pursuant to article 7(1)(g); and persecution on political grounds against persons held in detention pursuant to article 7(1)(h) committed, since at least April 2017, by members of the State security forces, civilian authorities and pro-government individuals (or groups called *colectivos*). However, in a previous communication ([observations filed to the Chamber on 15 June 2021](#)), the OTP indicated that "given the scope and range of the different alleged crimes within the context of the situation, the Prosecution has focused on a particular sub-set of allegations related to the treatment of persons in detention, for which sufficiently detailed and reliable information was available to enable a determination on whether there was a reasonable basis to believe that one or more crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court had been committed, without prejudice to other crimes that might be determined at a later stage and with respect to a wider time period".

**Therefore, this form can be used by any victim who has suffered harm as a result of crimes under the ICC jurisdiction committed on the territory of Venezuela since 12 February 2014.**

**The present form aims to help victims of these alleged crimes in presenting to the Judges their views and concerns regarding the Prosecutor's request. This form may be used by individual victims or groups of victims (or persons/organizations representing them).**

**Please note that this form is exclusively for the present consultation process. Should the Judges authorise the resumption of an investigation, victims may be able at a later stage to apply for participation in potential judicial proceedings, if one or more suspects are identified and brought to the ICC. If such case proceedings are started in the future, victims would also be entitled to request and receive reparations in case the accused is convicted.**

Victims' views and concerns under article 18(2) of the Rome Statute are meant to assist the ICC Judges in deciding whether to authorize the resumption of the investigation by the ICC Prosecutor in the Venezuela I Situation. Should the ICC Judges authorize the resumption of the investigation, the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) will conduct an investigation into the crimes allegedly committed in relation to the Situation in the Venezuela I Situation. Once the investigations are complete, a case (or cases) may (or not) be brought against individuals suspected to be most responsible depending on the evidence collected.

The views and concerns brought under article 18(2) of the Statute do NOT grant victims participatory status in potential future judicial proceedings in a case and they do not replace potential future applications for reparations in case a suspect would be accused, tried and convicted. Should such case proceedings arise in the future, victims interested in applying to participate will have to fill in a **separate application form for participation** in those proceedings and **for reparations**, if desired. They will also have to provide more specific information about what happened to them personally and supporting documentation (i.e. identity documents.)

**PART A - PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THE VICTIM(S)**

It may be that the space provided in the form for writing is not enough. If more space is needed, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the form.

This template is designed to facilitate both individual and group victims’ views and concerns under article 18(2) of the Rome Statute.

An **individual form** can be submitted either by only one victim (a natural person or organisation) who refers exclusively to the harm (direct or indirect) he/she suffered, or by a representative on behalf of **one victim**.

It is important to note that victims are not only those individuals who suffered **direct** harm (i.e. individuals who were killed, tortured, subjected to inhumane acts or other crimes under the ICC jurisdiction, etc.). At the ICC, **indirect** victims (i.e. relatives of deceased or tortured individuals who have suffered indirect harm as a result of the crimes perpetrated against their family member(s)) also have the right to present their views and concerns in the Article 18(2) process.

**Question 1**

1. Please complete the table below with the personal information of the victim(s) who wish to participate in the consultation process.

At the ICC, victims are natural persons who have suffered harm as a result of the commission of any crime within the jurisdiction of the Court. Victims may be **direct** or **indirect**.

- **Direct victims** are those persons who suffered direct harm as a result of a crime within the jurisdiction of the Court.
- **Indirect victims** are those who suffered a harm, as a result of the harm suffered by the direct victim (for example, if the person is a family member of a victim who died or suffered other types of harm as a result of a crime within the jurisdiction of the ICC).

Victims may also include organizations or institutions that have sustained direct harm to any of their property which is dedicated to religion, education, art or science or charitable purposes, and to their historic monuments, hospitals and other places and objects for humanitarian purposes.

	Name(s)	Surname(s)	Date of birth <sup>1</sup>	Gender <sup>2</sup>	Country of nationality	Country of residence
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<sup>1</sup> In case the applicant does not know the date of birth, an approximate age can be given.

<sup>2</sup> This includes men, women, non-binary, gender non-conforming people, or others.

A form is considered a **group form** if it is submitted on behalf of **two or more victims**. Group forms can be introduced by a representative on behalf of groups of victims (i.e. a mother on behalf of an entire family, an organization or a civil society representative on behalf of a group of detainees, etc.).

If you are an individual victim filling in the template form on your own behalf, please provide, in the first row of the table Question 1, your first name and surname as it appears on your identity documents. **You do not need to provide a copy of your identity documents for this stage of the proceedings, and you do not need to provide answers for Questions 3, 4 and 5.** Please note that if you have concerns for your security, we advise you to fill the form with other victims (as a group) and only mention the name of the victim(s) who agree(s) to put his/her/their name on the form, or a victims’ representative under which name the form is going to be registered. This way you will be able to maintain your anonymity. This means that at least one victim in the group or the victim’s

representative who fill in the form will have to provide their names in the form. Indeed each form should be recorded under at least one name. Thus remaining anonymous in an form filled in by one victim on his/her behalf would not be feasible. However victims should be aware that the forms, once recorded, are only shared with the Judges on a confidential *ex parte* basis. This means that the OTP, any potential future suspect or accused or the public will not see the forms filled in by the victims in the context of the Article 18(2) proceedings.

For group forms, please note that it is not required to provide, in Question 1, the name of ALL the victim(s) represented. Should you however wish to provide the name of the victims represented you can do so in the table under question 1. If you do not have enough space attach a separate piece of paper containing the names of victims.

If the form is filled in for a group of victims (i.e. a family) , please provide, in question 1, the name of one family member who is representing the family (any family member over 18 years of age can act as a representative of the family, irrespective of gender, position, etc.) or, if you so wish, the names of more or all the victims represented in the form.

**Question 2**

2. How many victims are submitting this form? .....

Please provide the exact number of victims on behalf of whom the template form is submitted. If you can only provide an approximate number, please provide that number and an explanation.

If you are a victim yourself and you are also representing other victims, please include yourself in the total number of victims represented (i.e. if you are a mother of six whose husband was killed, the number of victims indicated in this question should be eight – the direct victim (your husband) plus seven indirect victims (you and your six children who also lost their father).

**Question 3**

**3. Contact information of the victim or person submitting the form on behalf of a group of victims**

If the form is completed by an individual victim, please provide your contact information. If the form is completed by a group of victims, they should designate a contact person for this process whose contact information should be provided below. This can be someone mentioned in the table above or another trusted person.

Please provide the following contact information:

Name:	
Surname:	
Age:	
Address (street name/number, city, country):	
Phone number:	
Email:	
Name, phone number, email of the organization or association (as appropriate):	

If the form is completed by a group of victims, they should designate a contact person for this process; it could either be someone mentioned in the table under Question 1 or a trusted person. This will help the Registry to keep you informed about the Chamber’s decision on the Prosecutor’s request and any procedural developments. If you want to be contacted only through alternative secure channels, please indicate so and specify the channel through which you would like to be contacted by the Court.

**Question 4**

4. If you are submitting the form on behalf of a group of victims: briefly describe your relationship to the victim(s):

Relationship	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Family member of the victim or trusted person	
<input type="checkbox"/> A community representative	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization and/or representative of the civil society	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	

Please tick the relevant box and provide a brief description of your relationship to the victim(s) on behalf of whom this template form is submitted.

**Question 5**

5. If you are submitting the form on behalf of a group of victims: is this form being submitted with the consent of all the victim(s) enumerated above?

Yes  No *If the answer is no, please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_

The process of submitting victims’ views and concerns is voluntary and representatives must act with the consent of the victim(s) represented. Please tick the ‘Yes’ box if you act with the consent of the victim(s) represented. If you tick the ‘No’ box, please provide an explanation as to why the consent of the victim(s) could not be obtained (i.e. victims could not be reached out because of the security situation/short time available for victims to submit views and concerns, etc.). The explanation will be taken into account when assessing the template form.

**Question 6**

6. What happened to the victim(s)? Please briefly describe the events that caused the harm(s) suffered by the victim(s).

Please be specific about what happened to the victim(s) personally.

In order to avoid re-traumatization, this information can also come from already existing materials (i.e. fact sheets/reports compiled by organizations that have a pre-established relationship with the victim(s)). It is important to provide a description of facts and a summary or relevant excerpts of the victims’ personal experience. Please do not attach any reports, photographs or relevant material to the form (as this is not necessary and it would considerably increase the time for processing the form). It is sufficient to provide a summary of the facts directly in the form to submit your views and concerns for the Article 18 (2) proceedings before the ICC. For forms introduced for a group of victims you do not need to describe the individual story of each member of the group represented; it is sufficient to provide a summary description of the facts and crimes committed against the victims represented.

**Please be concise and aware of the space limitations of this form when filling it in. If you fill in the form by hand, you can attach a separate piece of paper if you need more space.**

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### Question 7

7. Where did the event(s) occur?

Please be specific. If possible, provide the name of a village/town/city or location near the place where the incidents occurred. To the extent possible, please include all locations where the events took place.

### Question 8

8. When did the event(s) occur?

If the date of the events is unknown, please give an approximate date; if not possible, please provide any contextual information that could assist in determining/ approximating the date of events (i.e. in the beginning of summer of 2015; when Minister X was appointed; during the Christmas celebration, etc.).

### Question 9

9. Who does the victim(s) believe to be responsible for the harm(s) they suffered?

Please also specify who the victim(s) believe(s) to be responsible for the events, if possible. If the victim(s) does/do not know who was responsible for the events, it is sufficient to provide some information that would identify the group to which the alleged perpetrators belong, and why the victim(s) believe(s) this. If the victim(s) does/do not know who is responsible for the events, it is sufficient to indicate in the answer the fact that the perpetrators are not known.

### Question 10

10. Describe briefly what harm(s) the victim(s) suffered.

Please provide information about the exact nature of the injury, damage, loss or suffering that the victim(s) has/have personally experienced as a result of the actions or events described in Questions 6 to 9 either directly (any harm you have suffered personally as a result of the commission of a crime on yourself) or indirectly, (any harm, for example a psychological harm you have suffered personally as a result of a crime committed on one of your close family members). For example, if you were personally subjected to torture, you will be considered a direct victim of torture. If a close family member was subjected to torture and died from it, you will be considered an indirect victim of torture and murder while your close family member will be considered a direct victim of torture and murder.

The ICC recognises different types of harm that a victim may suffer as a result of crimes within the ICC jurisdiction. These crimes can cause **physical suffering** to a person's body, as well as **psychological harm**, by which a person's mind is affected because of what she or he has experienced or witnessed.

**Material harm** could also be recognised, i.e. loss of or damage to property as the result of the crime, and other economical loss.

**Loss of opportunities** (i.e. loss of possibility to study) and **loss of social status** within the community may also be recognised.

## PART B - VIEWS AND CONCERNS OF THE VICTIM(S)

An ICC investigation of potential crimes under its jurisdiction may proceed where the relevant state is inactive, unwilling or unable genuinely to carry out investigations or prosecutions regarding criminal acts that may constitute crimes under the ICC's jurisdiction.

### Questions 11 to 13

11. Do the victim(s) want the Prosecutor of the ICC to resume an investigation into the Situation of Venezuela I?

Yes  No Why? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do the victim(s) have any additional views and concerns that they wish to communicate the Judges regarding an investigation of the Situation of Venezuela I?

13. Do the victim(s) have reasons to be concerned about security, including that of their family, as a result of their interactions with the Court?

Yes  No *If yes, please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_

Questions 11 and 12 are designed for victims to exercise their right to convey their views on the Prosecutor's Request to resume the investigation into the crimes allegedly committed in the Situation in Venezuela I, as well as any other views and concerns related to the ICC investigation into the Venezuela I Situation. These views will assist the ICC Judges in deciding whether the Prosecutor's request should be granted or whether the Chamber should defer the investigation to the Venezuelan authorities.

In **Question 11**, please specify if the victim(s) submitting the form want the ICC Prosecutor to resume the investigation into the Venezuela I situation or not. Please also provide an explanation as to why you want the ICC Prosecutor to resume the investigation or not. You can include, for example, information about the experiences of victims in accessing the justice system, their views on the effectiveness of the justice system in Venezuela/ the ability and willingness of Venezuela to investigate crimes under the jurisdiction of the ICC, etc.

In **Question 12**, please include any other information you want to share with the ICC Judges in order to assist them in reaching their decision on the Prosecutor's Request.

In **Question 13**, please specify if the victim(s) submitting the form has(have) any concerns related to their security and explain what these concerns are. It is important to know that the ICC manages its interactions with victims in a manner aimed at limiting any risk to victims and to others, and handles information received from victims in a strictly confidential manner. This means, for example, that the VPRS registers the information provided in a secure database to which only authorised staff of the Court have access. The victim forms will only be transmitted to the Pre-Trial Chamber; no other entity will be given access to the forms – the public and the Government of Venezuela will not have access to the victims' forms. The security of victims and those assisting them comes first. Victims should not take any risks and they should not mention publicly their interaction with the Court as confidentiality and discretion are the best way to protect them at this stage of proceedings.

### Question 14

14. Do the victim(s) consent to provide the information contained in this form to the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) for the purpose of potential programs?  Yes  No

The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) is an entity separate from the Court, whose mission is to support and implement programmes in various situation countries that address harms resulting from crimes under the ICC jurisdiction. The TFV has a two-fold mandate: (i) to implement Court-ordered reparations and (ii) to provide physical, psychological, and material support to victims and their families. Please specify if the victim(s) on behalf of whom the form is filled in, accept that the information included in the form, including their contact details, is shared with the TFV for the purpose of potential TFV programs that could be carried out in relation to the situation of Venezuela I.

## Signature

Signature of victim / representative of victim(s)	Date	Location
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By signing the form, the person filling in the form (the victim himself/herself or the person or organization acting on behalf of the victims) confirms the authenticity of the information provided. By signing, the person filling in the form also confirms the victim(s)' intention to submit views and concerns.

If the template form is submitted by a person/organization representing multiple victims, the **signature of the victims' representative is sufficient**. It is not necessary to also provide the signatures of the victim(s) represented.

## No additional documents are required in order for the form to be considered complete

Should victims/organizations representing victims wish to provide additional documents, it is preferable to send them together with the form to

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The Netherlands

or

per email to VPRS at [VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int](mailto:VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int)

If victims want to send additional documents together with the template form, although this is **not** necessary, victims/organizations representing victims **should NOT send original documents**, but only copies. Photocopies of documents that the victims and/or organizations representing victims consider relevant, such as forensic, medical, police or court records, photographs, films, etc., may be attached to the form.

Please contact the VPRS at [VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int](mailto:VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int) for any help and/or further information.