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SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR v. AHMAD AL FAQI AL MAHDI*

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**Decision on Application by Queen's University Belfast Human Rights Centre,
the Redress Truss, the FIDH and AMDH to submit *amicus curiae* observations
(ICC-01/12-01/15-175 and ICC-01/12-01/15-176)**

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Judge Raul C. Pangalangan, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber VIII ('Single Judge' and 'Chamber', respectively) of the International Criminal Court issues the following 'Decision on Application by Queen's University Belfast Human Rights Centre and the Redress Truss and by the FIDH and AMDH to submit *amicus curiae* observations (ICC-01/12-01/15-175 and ICC-01/12-01/15-176)', in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi*, having regard to Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

1. On 29 September 2016, the Chamber issued the Reparations Phase Calendar setting 21 October 2016 as the deadline for filing applications to submit *amicus curiae* observations on reparations related issues.¹
2. On 20 October 2016, the Queen's University Belfast Human Rights Centre ('HRC') and the Redress Trust ('Redress') filed a request seeking leave to make joint observations, in particular, on restorative measures for damaged or destroyed cultural property, the impact of the destruction of cultural property, appropriate measures to address the victims' harm and on appropriate apologies and acknowledgements of responsibility.²
3. On 21 October 2016, the *Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'Homme* ('FIDH') and the *Association malienne des droits de l'Homme* ('AMDH') filed a request seeking leave to make joint observations on reparations related issues, in particular on: (i) the identification of victims' categories affected by the crime committed by Mr Al Mahdi; (ii) the different type of harm suffered by the victims; and (iii) the methodology to design and implement the reparations.³

¹ ICC-01/12-01/15-172, para. 2(iii).

² Application by Queen's University Belfast Human Rights Centre and the Redress Trust for leave to submit observations pursuant to Article 75(3) of the Statute and Rule 103 of the Rules, ICC-01/12-01/15-175, para. 9 ('HRC and Redress Request').

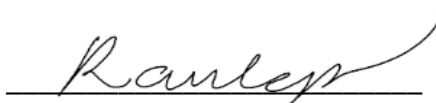
³ Demande de la FIDH et de l'AMDH aux fins de déposer des observations conjointes sur la procédure de réparations, ICC-01/12-01/15-176, para. 12 ('FIDH and AMDH Request').

4. The Single Judge is satisfied that the four organisations appear to have relevant expertise and that their observations will assist the Chamber in its determination of reparations.⁴ Accordingly, he grants the requests. In line with the Reparations Phase Calendar,⁵ each joint observation shall be submitted by 2 December 2016 and shall not exceed 50 pages.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

GRANTS the requests, in line with paragraph 4 above.

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



Judge Raul C. Pangalangan, Single Judge

Dated 25 October 2016

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁴ HRC and Redress Request , ICC-01/12-01/15-175, paras 4-8 ; FIDH and AMDH Request, ICC-01/12-01/15-176, paras 7-11.

⁵ Reparations Phase Calendar, ICC-01/12-01/15-172, para. 2(iii).