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Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Judge Bertram Schmitt

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. AHMAD AL FAQI AL MAHDI

Public with Three Confidential EX PARTE Annexes

Transmission of Experts' Reports pursuant to Trial Chamber Decision ICC-01/12-01/15-203-Red of 19 January 2017

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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the "Decision Appointing Reparations Experts and Partly Amending Reparations Calendar" ("Decision")¹ of Trial Chamber VIII ("Chamber"), the Registry hereby transmits three reports ("Reports") received from the experts appointed by the Chamber in the case of The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi ("Al Mahdi case").

II. **Procedural History**

- 2. On 19 January 2017, the Chamber appointed four experts ("Appointed Experts") on areas it had previously identified as relevant for the reparations proceedings in the Al Mahdi case,2 and ordered them to submit their reports, separately or jointly, to the Chamber and the parties by 24 March 2017.³
- 3. On 9 March 2017, following a request from the Appointed Experts,⁴ the Chamber granted an extension of time for the submission of the Reports until 28 April 2017.⁵
- 4. On 28 April 2017, the Registry received the Reports from the Appointed Experts, two of them after filing hours for the transmission on the same day.⁶

³ Decision, paras. 4, 8(i).

¹ Trial Chamber VIII, "Public redacted version of 'Decision Appointing Reparations Experts and Partly Amending Reparations Calendar', 19 January 2017", 19 January 2017, ICC-01/12-01/15-203-Red.

² Trial Chamber VIII, "Reparations Phase Calendar", 29 September 2016, ICC-01/12-01/15-172.

⁴ Registry, "Transmission of Request from the Reparations Experts for an Extension of Time for the Submission of their Report(s) pursuant to ICC-01/12-01/15-203-Red", 8 March 2017, ICC-01/12-01/15-205.

⁵ Trial Chamber VIII, "Public redacted version of 'Decision Granting an Extension of Time for Filing of Experts' Report and Amending Reparations Calendar', 9 March 2017", 9 March 2017, ICC-01/12-01/15-206-Red, para. 6(i).

⁶ Emails from the Appointed Experts to the Registry on 28 April at 12:25, 17:06, and 21:05. Two of the Appointed Experts submitted a joint report.

III. Classification

5. Pursuant to regulation 23bis(2) of the Regulations of the Court and in line with the Decision,⁷ the Reports submitted as annexes to the present submission are classified as confidential *ex parte* because they contain sensitive information related to interlocutors consulted by the Appointed Experts. Mindful of the parties' and the Trust Fund for Victims' filing deadline of submissions on the reports/information presented, the Registry will file, as soon as possible, a confidential version of the annexes after minor redaction matters are conclusively verified with the Appointed Experts.

IV. Submission

6. The Registry hereby submits the Reports in original confidential *ex parte* version.

Marc Dubuisson, Director of the Division of Judicial Services

per delegation of

Herman von Hebel, Registrar

Dated this 1 May 2017

At The Hague, The Netherlands

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⁷ Decision, para. 8(i).