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Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

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I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to Pre-Trial Chamber I's "Decision on Information and Outreach for the Victims of the Situation" issued on 13 July 2018 ("Chamber" and "Decision of 13 July 2018", respectively),¹ the Registry hereby submits its nineteenth report on the progress of its activities related to information and outreach for victims and affected communities in the situation in the State of Palestine ("Situation").

II. Procedural History

2. On 13 July 2018, the Chamber issued its decision by which it, *inter alia*, ordered the Registry to: i) "establish, as soon as practicable, a system of public information and outreach activities for the benefit of victims and affected communities of the situation in Palestine";² ii) submit an initial report on its activities "at a time deemed appropriate but no later than 14 December 2018" and inform the Chamber, every three months, about the progress of its information and outreach activities and the challenges encountered;³ and iii) "create an informative page on the Court's website, especially directed to the victims in the situation of Palestine".⁴
3. Since 12 November 2018, the Registry files regularly periodic reports⁵ on the progress relating to information and outreach activities for victims and affected communities in the Situation.

¹ Pre-Trial Chamber I, "Decision on Information and Outreach for the Victims of the Situation", 13 July 2018, ICC-01/18-2.

² Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10, *lit.* a) and paras. 13-18.

³ Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10 *lit.* b) and para. 19.

⁴ Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10 *lit.* c) and para.18.

⁵ See last report - Registry, "Eighteenth Registry Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation", 10 February 2023, ICC-01/18-154-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-154-Red.

4. On 5 February 2021, the Chamber issued the “Decision on the Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine”.⁶ The Chamber decided, by majority, that the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in the Situation in Palestine, a State Party to the Rome Statute, extends to the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, namely Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.⁷
5. On 3 March 2021, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (“ICC” or “Court”) confirmed the initiation of an investigation into the Situation.⁸

III. Classification

6. Pursuant to regulation 23*bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”), this report is classified as “confidential” since it contains sensitive information [Redacted].
7. The Registry will concomitantly file a public redacted version of the present report.

IV. Applicable Law

8. The Registry submits the present report pursuant to the Chamber’s instruction⁹ as well as the applicable law recalled by the Chamber in its Decision of 13 July 2018,¹⁰ and in accordance with regulations 8 and 23*bis*(1) of the RoC and regulation 6 of the Regulations of the Registry.

⁶ Pre-Trial Chamber I, “Decision on the ‘Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine’”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143.

⁷ *Id.*, p. 60; See also “Judge Péter Kovács’ Partly Dissenting Opinion”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143-Anx1 and “Partly Separate Opinion of Judge Perrin de Brichambaut”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143-Anx2.

⁸ Statement of the former ICC Prosecutor, Ms Fatou Bensouda, regarding an investigation of the Situation in Palestine, 3 March 2021, <https://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=210303-prosecutor-statement-investigation-palestine>.

⁹ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 19 and Disposition, *lit.* b) on p. 10.

¹⁰ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 6.

V. Submissions

A. Registry activities during the reporting period (11 February – 11 May 2023)

a. Activities conducted by PIOS

9. Between [Redacted], the Public Information and Outreach Section (“PIOS”) organised [Redacted].
10. The [Redacted] activity offered a unique opportunity [Redacted] obtain first-hand knowledge about its mandate and work. [Redacted] engaged with the Deputy Prosecutor and the Registrar as well as with other representatives of the Office of the Prosecutor, representatives of the Presidency, the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”), the Victims and Witness Section, the Trust Fund for Victims, the Offices of Public Counsel for Victims and for the Defence, and PIOS. On several occasions follow-up meetings were also organised to ensure enough time for meaningful discussions. [Redacted].
11. PIOS also held several consultation sessions [Redacted] in order to *i)* identify common perceptions and concerns about the Court, *ii)* discuss how to tailor messages and possible outreach activities, and *iii)* discuss strategies and approaches to continue monitoring the situation, whilst clarifying misunderstandings and managing expectations. [Redacted] successfully established the first steps of an outreach system with a regular exchange of information. As a follow-up [Redacted] that will provide advice and feedback on messages, tailoring of language and audio-visual materials that will be produced. Finally, it will also support the further distribution of ICC-produced information materials [Redacted].
12. During the reporting period, PIOS also engaged with [Redacted] and discussed possible common projects and further cooperation. In order to inform a broader audience about the ICC in the current context of limited resources, PIOS is working on the production of an online information module about the Court in Arabic. The module, which consists of a collection

of videos and written information explaining the work of the Court related to the Palestine Situation, will be placed on the Palestine Outreach page of the ICC website. In addition, it will be widely distributed [Redacted], and through the ICC social media.

b. Activities carried out by the VPRS

13. During the reporting period, the VPRS engaged with interlocutors who sought information about matters relating to victim participation and relevant judicial developments in the Situation. It also engaged with [Redacted] in outreach sessions, including as outlined above.¹¹

B. Subsequent activities

14. PIOS will pursue discussions with [Redacted] in order to choose topics for online outreach activities to take place in the coming months.

15. Further, PIOS will continue to inform the public and provide relevant information about judicial developments in the Situation, if any. In addition, it will carry on performing its regular activities of media monitoring, production of information materials in Arabic and Hebrew and updating its list of contacts when relevant.

16. As to the VPRS, it will continue its activities, including any relevant updates of victim messages, while working closely with PIOS and carrying out joint activities whenever possible and relevant.

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Dated this 12 May 2023

At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹¹ See *supra*, para. 10.