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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 twentieth 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, "Nineteenth Registry Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation" ("Registry Nineteenth Report"), 12 May 2023, ICC-01/18-155-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-155-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 23bis(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 23bis(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 (12 May – 10 August 2023)

a. Activities conducted by PIOS

9. Between 19 and 23 June 2003, the Public Information and Outreach Section (“PIOS”) met with a number of [REDACTED]. These meetings enabled PIOS to discuss [REDACTED] potential future outreach activities for 2023.
10. On 26 June 2023, PIOS conducted, together with the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”) and the Office of Public Counsel for Victims, a hybrid information session [REDACTED]. This activity focused on victims’ rights before the Court and, more specifically on how to fill-in victims’ application forms for participation in proceedings and/or reparations. [REDACTED]¹¹ was crucial for the consultations regarding the program, participants and dates of the information session, which was a successful activity as shown by the high attendance, lively discussions and interactive questions and answers sessions.
11. During the reporting period, PIOS also finalised the production of an online information module about the Court in Arabic, which is aimed at informing a broader audience about the ICC. The module consists of 11 different parts which contain videos and written information explaining the work of the Court related to the Palestine Situation. The module was published on the Palestine Outreach page of the ICC website on 1 June 2023¹² and it was disseminated on the ICC social media accounts in order for [REDACTED].

¹¹ See Registry Nineteenth Report, para. 19.

¹² <https://www.icc-cpi.int/about/outreach/palestine/icc-in-11-modules>.

12. Finally, PIOS continued its engagements with [REDACTED], online and in person, in order to provide information about the Court's mandate and its work in relation to the Palestine Situation.

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, [REDACTED].¹³ The VPRS stands ready to provide further trainings on how to fill in victim forms for participation in proceedings and/or reparations at the request of its interlocutors.

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.

¹³ See *supra*, para. 10.

16. As to 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 11 August 2023

At The Hague, The Netherlands