Cour Pénale Internationale



International Criminal Court

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#### PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Péter Kovács, Presiding Judge

Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou

Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

# SITUATION IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH/ REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR

**Public** 

Decision granting the Prosecution's request for an extension of time

Decision to be notified, in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court, to:

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Participation/Reparation

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Victims Participation and Reparations Other

**Section** 

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I** (the 'Chamber') of the International Criminal Court (the 'Court') issues this decision granting the request of the Prosecution for an extension of time limit (the 'Request'). <sup>1</sup>

### I. Procedural history and submissions

- 1. On 2 November 2023, the Registry transmitted to the Chamber a request filed by four individuals for the adoption of a protocol and for access to the confidential record in the present situation.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. On 9 November 2023, the Prosecution requested the Chamber a one-week extension, until Monday 20 November 2023, to respond to the aforementioned filing.<sup>3</sup> The Prosecution submits that, given the length of the filing, the sensitivity of the matter and the ongoing Court-wide internet limitations, there is good cause within the meaning of regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the 'Regulations').<sup>4</sup> Finally, the Prosecution maintains that the requested extension would not cause any 'appreciable prejudice'.<sup>5</sup>

#### II. Analysis

- 3. Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations provides that a chamber 'may extend [...] a time limit if good cause is shown'. The Chamber considers that the reasons provided by the Prosecution show good cause within the meaning of regulation 35(2) of the Regulations.
- 4. The Chamber further notes that the Prosecution classified the Request as confidential despite the fact that there is a public redacted version of the filing it intends to respond. Given that the Prosecution does not object to the reclassification of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prosecution's Request pursuant to regulation 35 for an extension of the time limit to respond to the Submission for the Adoption of a Protocol and for Access to the Confidential Record, 9 November 2023, ICC-01/19-53-Conf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annex 1 to the Registry's Transmission of a 'Request for the Adoption of a Protocol and for Access to the Confidential Record', ICC-01/19-52, ICC-01/19-52-Anx1-Conf (public redacted version filed on 3 November 2023, confidential ICC-01/19-52-Anx1-Red)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Request, paras 1, 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Request, paras 2, 6-10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Request, para. 10.

Request as public,<sup>6</sup> and noting that the Request does not contain any sensitive information, the Chamber orders the reclassification of the Request as public.

## FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

**GRANTS** the Request;

INSTRUCTS the Prosecution to file its response by Monday, 20 November 2023; and

**INSTRUCTS** Registry to reclassify the Request (ICC-01/19-53-Conf) as public.

Done in English. A French translation will follow. The English version remains

authoritative.

**Judge Péter Kovács** 

**Presiding Judge** 

Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie

Alapini-Gansou

Judge María del Socorro

**Flores Liera** 

Dated this Friday, 10 November 2023

At The Hague, The Netherlands

<sup>6</sup> Request, para. 4.

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