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Before: Judge Althea Violet Alexis-Windsor, Presiding Judge
Judge Miatta Maria Samba
Judge Beti Hohler

**SITUATION IN LIBYA
IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR V. KHALED MOHAMED ALI EL HISHRI**

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with Public Annex**

Registry's Submission of the Contact With Witness Protocol

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Registry hereby submits the present document and its annex consisting of the Protocol on the Handling of Confidential Information During Investigations and Contacts between a Party or a Participant and Witnesses of the Opposing Party, or of a Participant (“Contact with Witness Protocol”), pursuant to the “Decision on the Adoption of Protocols” (“Decision”), issued by Trial Chamber VII (“Chamber”) on 8 October 2026.¹

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

2. On 3 September 2026, the Chamber held a Status Conference and instructed the Registry to liaise with the parties and participants and, in case of agreement, to file relevant updated versions of three Protocols by 18 September 2026.² The Chamber further instructed that if needed, the Registry should do so with a report on the proposed amendments to the Protocols, identifying and where disagreements exist.
3. On 18 September 2026, the Registry filed its report, with an annex summarising the disagreements between the parties with regard to the Contact with Witness Protocol.³
4. On 8 October 2026, in the Decision, the Chamber adopted the Contact with Witness Protocol, and instructed the Registry to file the Protocol, as amended by the Chamber, on the record of the case.

¹ Trial Chamber VII, “*Decision on the Adoption of Protocols*”, ICC-01/11-01/25-202 dated 8 October 2026.

² Transcript of 03 September 2026, ICC-01/11-01/25-T-007-ENG, p. 36, lines: 9-25 and p.37, lines: 1-4. The three Protocols are: Contact with Witness Protocol, Dual Status Witness Protocol, and Redactions Protocol.

³ Registry, “Registry Report on Protocols Pursuant to the Chamber’s Instructions”, ICC-01/11-01/25-187-Conf-AnxI-Corr, 18 September 2026; Corrected Version of Confidential Annex I filed on 29 September 2026.

III. SUBMISSION

5. In accordance with the Order, the Registry hereby files the Contact with Witness Protocol, as annex to the present submission, on the record of the present case.



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Director, Division of Judicial Services on behalf of
Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 14 October 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands