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

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Fourth Registry Report on Applications for Individual Reparations

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I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to the instruction of Trial Chamber VIII ("Chamber") to begin forthwith the review of applications already in the record of the case of *The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi* ("Case") and of applications received before the approval by the Chamber of the new reparations form in accordance with the procedures set out in its 'Decision on Trust Fund For Victims' Draft Implementation Plan for Reparations' ("Decision on the DIP")¹, the Victims Participation and Reparations Section ("VPRS") submits its fourth report on applications for individual reparations.

II. Procedural History

- 2. On 12 July 2018, the Chamber issued its Decision on the DIP by which it *inter alia* held that applicants whose applications are already in the record of the Case are not required to fill in a new form, but that they should "merely provide any missing information, as requested by the VPRS and with the assistance of the LRV." ² Similarly, the Chamber held that "applications received before the approval of the new form by the Chamber will be processed as such." ³
- 3. On 10 August, 10 September 2018 and 10 October 2018, the Registry filed its first, second and third reports ("First Report" ⁴, "Second Report" ⁵ and "Third Report", ⁶ respectively) on applications for individual reparations covering: (i)

 4 Registry, "First Registry Report on Applications for Individual Reparations", 10 August 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-275.

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¹ Trial Chamber VIII, "Decision on Trust Fund for Victims' Draft Implementation Plan for Reparations", dated 12 July 2018 and registered on 13 July 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-273-Conf, para. 31. A public redacted version was filed on the same date: ICC-01/12-01/15-273-Red.

² *Id.*, para. 31.

³ Ibid.

⁵ Registry, "Corrigendum of 'Second Registry Report on Applications for Individual Reparations', ICC-01/12-01/15-282, 10 September 2018", dated 10 September 2018 and registered on 11 September 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-282-Corr.

⁶ Registry, "Third Registry Report on Applications for Individual Reparations", 10 October 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-287.

the total of the 139 application forms for reparations already in the record of the Case;⁷ and (ii) an initial 42 applications out of the 271 application forms for reparations received by the VPRS after the deadline of 16 December 2016 for the transmission of reparations forms to the Chamber,⁸ and thus not transmitted in the record of the Case. The VPRS reviewed these 181 applications in accordance with the screening criteria established in the Decision on the DIP. Said criteria were detailed in Annex I to the First Report⁹ and updated in, respectively, Annexes I to the Second Report¹⁰ and to the Third Report¹¹ ("VPRS screening criteria").

- 4. On 26 October 2018, the Trust Fund for Victims ("TFV") submitted a draft application form ("26 October 2018 Submission"), as directed by the Chamber, ¹² and provided, in annexes, its proposed models of attestations to be used as supporting documents as well as its proposed legal criteria to be applied throughout the screening process. ¹³
- 5. On 7 November 2018, the Legal Representatives of Victims submitted his confidential observations on the 26 October 2018 Submission ("LRV Observations").14

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⁷ Trial Chamber VIII, "Reparations Order", 17 August 2017, ICC-01/12-01/15-236, para. 5.

⁸ Trial Chamber VIII, "Reparations Phase Calendar", 29 September 2016, ICC-01/12-01/15-172, para. 2 (iv). An additional 31 application forms, received by the VPRS in April 2018, were identified since the Registry's Third Report on Applications for Individual Reparations, 10 October 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-287, raising the total from 240 to 271.

⁹ Registry, Annex I to the First Registry Report on Applications for Individual Reparations, ICC-01/12-01/15-275-Conf-AnxI.

 $^{^{\}rm 10}$ Registry, Annex I to the Second Registry Report on Applications for Individual Reparations,ICC-01/12-01/15-282-Conf-AnxI.

¹¹ Registry, Annex I to the Third Registry Report on Applications for Individual Reparations, ICC-01/12-01/15-287-Conf-AnxI.

¹² Trial Chamber VIII, "Public redacted version of 'Decision on Trust Fund for Victims' Draft Implementation Plan for Reparations', 12 July 2018", dated 12 July 2018 and registered on 13 July 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-273-Red, para. 30.

¹³ Trust Fund for Victims, "Trust Fund for Victims' submission of draft application form", 26 October 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-289-Conf. A Public redacted version was filed on 30 October 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-289-Red.

¹⁴ Legal Representative of Victims, "Observations du Représentant légal sur la soumission du projet de formulaire de demande de réparation et de ses annexes par le Fonds au profit des victimes », 7 November 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-294-Conf.

III. Classification

6. Pursuant to regulation 23 *bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC"), Annex I to the present filing is classified as confidential since it contains detailed information on how the Registry assesses applications of potential beneficiaries of individual reparations which is not available to the public. Annex II is classified as confidential *ex parte*, only available to the Legal Representative of Victims, because it contains confidential information that may lead to the identification of victims who applied for reparations.

IV. Applicable Law

7. The Registry submits the present filing in accordance with articles 68(1) and 75 of the Rome Statute, rules 85, 94 and 98 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulation 88 of the RoC and regulations 110 and 118(2) of the Regulations of the Registry.

V. Submissions

a. Applications covered by the present report

8. In accordance with the Chamber's order in the Decision on the DIP,¹⁵ the VPRS finalized the review of a further 99 forms (out of the total of 271 applications received after the 16 December 2016 deadline) in accordance with the VPRS screening criteria,¹⁶ with a view to identifying any and all complete applications for which it might already issue positive or negative preliminary assessments, as per paragraphs 40 and 41 of the Decision on the DIP. An updated summary of

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¹⁵ Decision on the DIP, para. 31.

¹⁶ The VPRS notes instances where the screening criteria it currently applies may be subject to amendments to adapt to the criteria proposed by the TFV in its 26 October 2018 Submission. The VPRS has invited the TFV to provide clarifications on this and some other items proposed in the 26 October 2018 Submission.

the VPRS screening criteria applied is submitted as confidential Annex I to the present filing.¹⁷ The table identifying all missing information or clarifications needed for the applications reviewed is transmitted as confidential *ex parte* Annex II to the present document, only available to the LRV.

To date, VPRS concluded that none of the forms reviewed contain all the information necessary for the VPRS to issue either a positive or a negative preliminary assessment.

b. Guidelines on how to fill in the form

10. As previously reported, the VPRS stands ready to provide feedback to the TFV on the draft guidelines they intend to prepare on how to fill-in the new application form for individual reparations.

c. Further VPRS filings

- 11. The VPRS will continue to review the remaining 130 application forms for reparations received by the VPRS after the deadline for transmission of reparations forms to the Chamber. Simultaneously, the Section continues to provide the LRV periodically with detailed lists and descriptions of missing information to complete relevant application forms.
- 12. The VPRS will continue submitting filings on a regular basis with a view to keeping the Chamber informed of the progress made, unless instructed otherwise by the Chamber.
- 13. The VPRS informed the Chamber in its previous reports that it will start implementing the screening process established in the Decision on the DIP¹⁹ within the deadlines imposed by the Chamber as soon as it would receive the

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¹⁷ All updated information is marked in **bold type**.

¹⁸ Trial Chamber VIII, "Reparations Phase Calendar", 29 September 2016, ICC-01/12-01/15-172, para. 2 (iv).

¹⁹ Decision on the DIP, paras. 36-44.

missing information and/or clarifications of unclear information requested of the LRV in its review exercise of existing applications, or new forms for reparations. To date, the VPRS has not yet received any supplementary information or new forms. It understands that the LRV is actively engaged in producing relevant information in due course.

Marc Dubuisson, Director of the Division of Judicial Services

On behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 13 November 2018

At The Hague, The Netherlands