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Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut
Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou

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Decision on Requests for Variation of the Time Limit for Submitting Observations
and Issues Arising out of *Amici Curiae* Observations

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- The Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust
- Intellectum Scientific Society

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I of the International Criminal Court issues this Decision on requests for variation of the time limit for submitting observations and issues arising out of *amici curiae* observations.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. On 22 January 2020, the Chamber received the ‘Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine’ (the ‘Prosecutor’s Request’).¹
2. On 28 January 2020, the Chamber issued the ‘Order setting the procedure and the schedule for the submission of observations’, thereby *inter alia* inviting: (i) the State of Palestine, victims in the Situation in the State of Palestine, and the State of Israel to submit written observations on the question of jurisdiction set forth in paragraph 220 of the Prosecutor’s Request, without addressing any other issues arising from this Situation, by no later than 16 March 2020; and (ii) other States, organisations and/or persons to submit applications for leave to file such written observations by no later than 14 February 2020 (the ‘28 January 2020 Order’).²
3. On 20 February 2020, the Chamber issued the ‘Decision on Applications for Leave to File Observations Pursuant to Rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence’, thereby *inter alia*: (i) admitting a number of States, organisations and individuals to participate in the proceedings as *amici curiae* by submitting written observations on the question of jurisdiction set forth in paragraph 220 of the Prosecutor’s Request by no later than 16 March 2020; and (ii) ordering the Prosecutor to submit a consolidated response to any observations on the Prosecutor’s Request by no later than 30 March 2020 (the ‘20 February 2020 Decision’).³
4. From 3 March 2020 until 19 March 2020, the Chamber received observations on the Prosecutor’s Request on behalf of the *amici curiae* authorised to participate in the proceedings in the 20 February 2020 Decision, namely: (i) Professor John Quigley;⁴ (ii) the Czech Republic;⁵ (iii) the European Centre for Law and Justice;⁶

¹ [ICC-01/18-12](#), together with Public Annex A.

² [ICC-01/18-14](#), paras 13, 16, 17, 20.

³ [ICC-01/18-63](#), paras 51-60.

⁴ [ICC-01/18-66](#), together with annex (submitted and notified on 3 March 2020).

⁵ [ICC-01/18-69](#) (submitted and notified on 13 March 2020).

(iv) Professor William Schabas;⁷ (v) the Palestinian Bar Association;⁸ (vi) Professor Asem Khalil and Assistant Professor Halla Shoaibi;⁹ (vii) Professor Hatem Bazian;¹⁰ (viii) Professor Malcolm N Shaw;¹¹ (ix) the Republic of Austria;¹² (x) Professor Richard Falk;¹³ (xi) MyAQSA Foundation;¹⁴ (xii) Shurat Hadin – Israel Law Center;¹⁵ (xiii) the Israel Bar Association;¹⁶ (xiv) the Lawfare Project, the Institute for NGO Research, Palestinian Media Watch, and the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs;¹⁷ (xv) Todd F. Buchwald and Stephen J. Rapp;¹⁸ (xvi) the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;¹⁹ (xvii) the International Federation for Human Rights, No Peace Without Justice, Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice and REDRESS;²⁰ (xviii) Australia;²¹ (xix) Me Yael Vias Gvirsman;²² (xx) Hungary;²³ (xxi) the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence;²⁴ (xxii) Guernica 37 International Justice Chambers;²⁵ (xxiii) UK Lawyers for Israel, B’nai B’rith UK, the International Legal Forum, the Jerusalem Initiative and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre;²⁶ (xxiv) Prof. Laurie Blank, Dr. Matthijs de Blois, Prof. Geoffrey Corn, Dr. Daphné Richemond-Barak, Prof. Gregory Rose, Prof. Robbie Sabel, Prof. Gil Troy and Mr. Andrew Tucker;²⁷ (xxv) Ambassador Dennis Ross;²⁸ (xxvi) Professor Eyal Benvenisti;²⁹ (xxvii) the Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Al-Haq Law in the Service of Mankind, Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights and Aldameer Association

⁶ [ICC-01/18-70](#) (submitted on 13 March 2020, notified on 16 March 2020).

⁷ [ICC-01/18-71](#) (submitted on 15 March 2020, notified on 16 March 2020).

⁸ [ICC-01/18-72](#) (submitted on 15 March 2020, notified on 16 March 2020).

⁹ [ICC-01/18-73](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹⁰ [ICC-01/18-74](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹¹ [ICC-01/18-75](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹² [ICC-01/18-76](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹³ [ICC-01/18-77](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹⁴ [ICC-01/18-78](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹⁵ [ICC-01/18-79](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹⁶ [ICC-01/18-80](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹⁷ [ICC-01/18-81](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹⁸ [ICC-01/18-83](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

¹⁹ [ICC-01/18-84](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

²⁰ [ICC-01/18-85](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

²¹ [ICC-01/18-86](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

²² [ICC-01/18-88](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

²³ [ICC-01/18-89](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

²⁴ [ICC-01/18-90](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

²⁵ [ICC-01/18-91](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

²⁶ [ICC-01/18-92](#), together with annex (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

²⁷ [ICC-01/18-93](#), together with annex (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

²⁸ [ICC-01/18-94](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

²⁹ [ICC-01/18-95](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

for Human Rights;³⁰ (xxviii) the Honourable Professor Robert Badinter, the Honourable Professor Irwin Cotler, Professor David Crane, Professor Jean-François Gaudreault-DesBiens, Lord David Pannick and Professor Guglielmo Verdirame;³¹ (xxix) the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists;³² (xxx) the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad;³³ (xxxi) the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust;³⁴ (xxxii) the Federal Republic of Germany;³⁵ (xxxiii) International-Lawyers.org;³⁶ (xxxiv) the Federative Republic of Brazil;³⁷ (xxxv) Dr. Robert Heinsch and Dr. Giulia Pinzauti;³⁸ (xxxvi) the Israel Forever Foundation;³⁹ (xxxvii) Intellectum Scientific Society;⁴⁰ (xxxviii) Dr. Uri Weiss;⁴¹ (xxxix) Dr. Frank Romano;⁴² (xl) the International Commission of Jurists;⁴³ (xli) the International Association of Democratic Lawyers;⁴⁴ (xlii) the Republic of Uganda;⁴⁵ and (xliii) the League of Arab States⁴⁶.

5. From 12 March 2020 until 20 March 2020, the Chamber received the following observations on the Prosecutor's Request on behalf of various (groups of) victims: (i) 'The Khan al-Ahmar Victims' Observations;⁴⁷ (ii) 'Victims' observations on the Prosecutor's request for a ruling on the Court's territorial jurisdiction in Palestine';⁴⁸

³⁰ [ICC-01/18-96](#), together with annexes 1 and 2 (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

³¹ [ICC-01/18-97](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

³² [ICC-01/18-98-Corr](#) (the original version was submitted on 16 March 2020 and notified on 17 March 2020; the corrected version was submitted on 17 March 2020 and notified on 18 March 2020).

³³ [ICC-01/18-100](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

³⁴ [ICC-01/18-101-Corr](#), together with annexes 1 and 2 (the original version was submitted on 16 March 2020 and notified on 17 March 2020; the corrected version was submitted on 18 March 2020 and notified on 19 March 2020).

³⁵ [ICC-01/18-103](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

³⁶ [ICC-01/18-104](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

³⁷ [ICC-01/18-106](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

³⁸ [ICC-01/18-107](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

³⁹ [ICC-01/18-108-Corr](#), together with annexes A and B (the original version was submitted on 16 March 2020 and notified on 17 March 2020; the corrected version was submitted and notified on 20 March 2020).

⁴⁰ [ICC-01/18-111](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

⁴¹ [ICC-01/18-114](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

⁴² [ICC-01/18-115-Corr](#) (the original version was submitted on 16 March 2020 and notified on 17 March 2020; the corrected version was submitted on 25 March 2020 and notified on 26 March 2020).

⁴³ [ICC-01/18-117](#) (the original version was submitted on 16 March 2020, an adjusted version was submitted on 17 March 2020 due to a technical issue and notified on 18 March 2020).

⁴⁴ [ICC-01/18-118](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 18 March 2020).

⁴⁵ [ICC-01/18-119](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 18 March 2020).

⁴⁶ [ICC-01/18-122](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 19 March 2020).

⁴⁷ [ICC-01/18-68](#) (submitted and notified on 12 March 2020).

⁴⁸ [ICC-01/18-99](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

(iii) ‘Submissions on behalf of child victims and their families pursuant to article 19(3) of the statute’;⁴⁹ (iv) ‘Observations on the “Prosecutor request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine” on behalf of unrepresented victims’;⁵⁰ (v) ‘Observation of Victims of Palestinian Terror in respect to the Court’s Territorial Jurisdiction in Palestine’;⁵¹ (vi) ‘Persecution Victims’ Observations’;⁵² (vii) ‘Submission on Behalf of Palestinian Victims Residents of the Gaza Strip’;⁵³ (viii) ‘Observations écrites sur la question de compétence énoncée au paragraphe 220 de la Demande du Procureur’;⁵⁴ (ix) ‘Observations au nom des victimes palestiniennes sur la Demande du Procureur’;⁵⁵ and (x) ‘OBSERVATIONS ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS’⁵⁶.

6. On 16 March 2020, the Chamber received ‘[t]he State of Palestine’s observations in relation to the request for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine’.⁵⁷

7. On 16 March 2020, the Chamber received the ‘Transmission of documents received from Mr. Fouad Baker’ on behalf of the Registry (the ‘16 March 2020 Registry Transmission’).⁵⁸

8. On 19 March 2020, the Chamber received the ‘Amicus Curiae Request for Extension of Time’ on behalf of Intellectum Scientific Society.⁵⁹

9. On 20 March 2020, the Chamber received the ‘Request for an extension of time to submit written observations’ on behalf of Ms Jennifer Robinson.⁶⁰

⁴⁹ [ICC-01/18-102](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

⁵⁰ [ICC-01/18-105](#), together with annexes 1 and 2 (the original version was submitted on 16 March 2020, an adjusted version was submitted on 17 March 2020 due to technical issue and notified on 17 March 2020).

⁵¹ [ICC-01/18-109](#) (a confidential version was submitted on 16 March 2020 and notified on 17 March 2020, a public redacted version was submitted and notified on 19 March 2020).

⁵² [ICC-01/18-110](#) (the original version was submitted on 16 March 2020, it was notified as confidential together with a public redacted version on 20 March 2020).

⁵³ [ICC-01/18-112](#), together with annex (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 18 March 2020).

⁵⁴ [ICC-01/18-113](#) (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 17 March 2020).

⁵⁵ [ICC-01/18-120](#), together with annex A and annexes 1-3 (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 18 March 2020).

⁵⁶ [ICC-01/18-123](#), together with annexes 1.a and 1.b (submitted on 16 March 2020, notified on 19 March 2020).

⁵⁷ [ICC-01/18-82](#) (submitted and notified on 16 March 2020).

⁵⁸ [ICC-01/18-87](#), together with annexes I-III (the original documents were submitted on 13 and 14 March 2020, and were transmitted by the Registry on 16 March 2020).

⁵⁹ [ICC-01/18-121](#) (submitted and notified on 19 March 2020).

⁶⁰ [ICC-01/18-124](#) (submitted and notified on 20 March 2020).

10. On 23 March 2020, the Chamber issued the ‘Decision on the “Prosecution’s Urgent Request for Extension of Time”’, thereby granting the Prosecutor’s request for an extension of the time limit to submit her response to any observations on the Prosecutor’s Request until 30 April 2020 (the ‘23 March 2020 Decision’).⁶¹

11. On 31 March 2020, the Chamber received the ‘Transmission of Document received from Judge Fouad Baker’ on behalf of the Registry (the ‘31 March 2020 Registry Transmission’).⁶²

II. DETERMINATION BY THE CHAMBER

12. As a preliminary matter, the Chamber recalls that, in the 23 March 2020 Decision, it considered ‘it appropriate to notify [the legal representatives having submitted observations on behalf of victims in the Situation in the State of Palestine] for the purposes of [that] decision without prejudice to any further decision the Chamber may take in relation to their mandates’.⁶³ The Chamber has decided to adopt the same approach for the present decision.

A. The corrected version of the observations on behalf of the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust

13. The Chamber notes that the explanatory note to the ‘Corrected version of PSE Situation: ICC-01/18-101 + Anxs 1 and 2 March 16, 2020 Observations on behalf of The Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust on “a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine”’ indicates that various changes were made to the substance of the original observations submitted on behalf of this *amicus curiae*.⁶⁴

14. The Chamber finds that, following the lapse of a time limit, a corrected version must be limited to adjusting the format of the initially submitted version or remedying evident inaccuracies when it is necessary to do so.⁶⁵ It is not an opportunity to modify the substantive submissions contained in the initially submitted version by, for

⁶¹ [ICC-01/18-125](#).

⁶² [ICC-01/18-127](#), with annex.

⁶³ [ICC-01/18-125](#), para. 6.

⁶⁴ [ICC-01/18-101-Conf-Corr-Anx-Corr](#).

⁶⁵ In this regard, the Chamber notes that certain other *amici curiae* submitted corrected versions of their observations with a view to adjusting the format or remedying evident inaccuracies. Accordingly, the Chamber accepts these corrected versions. See [ICC-01/18-98-Corr](#); [ICC-01/18-108-Corr](#); and [ICC-01/18-115-Corr](#).

instance, supplementing or improving arguments. If it were otherwise, a time limit could be circumvented in the absence of prior authorisation granted by a Chamber.

15. Accordingly, the Chamber rejects the ‘Corrected version of PSE Situation: ICC-01/18-101 + Anxs 1 and 2 March 16, 2020 Observations on behalf of The Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust on “a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine”’.⁶⁶ However, the original version of the observations on the Prosecutor’s Request on behalf of the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust were validly submitted and the Chamber will, therefore, consider this version in its determination of the Prosecutor’s Request.

B. The transmission of documents received from Mr Fouad Baker

16. According to the 16 March 2020 Registry Transmission, ‘the Court Management Section [...] received an e-mail from Judge Fouad Baker requesting the Registry to file a document [...] before the Chamber’ on 13 and 14 March 2020.⁶⁷ Mr Fouad Baker appears to have submitted observations on the Prosecutor’s Request in English on 13 March 2020, and French and Arabic translations of these observations on 14 March 2020.⁶⁸

17. In addition, the 31 March 2020 Registry Transmission indicates that ‘the Court Management Section [...] received an e-mail from Judge Fouad Baker requesting the Registry to file a document [...] before the Chamber’ on 27 March 2020.⁶⁹ The document submitted by Mr Fouad Baker appears to contain information on the activities of a Non-Governmental Organisation.

18. The Chamber recalls that, in the 28 January 2020 Order, the Chamber invited *inter alia* individuals to ‘submit applications for leave to file written observations [on the Prosecutor’s Request] by no later than 14 February 2020’.⁷⁰

19. However, the Chamber has not received such an application from Mr Fouad Baker. Therefore, the Chamber finds that Mr Fouad Baker does not have standing to submit observations on the Prosecutor’s Request and declines to accept

⁶⁶ [ICC-01/18-101-Corr.](#)

⁶⁷ [ICC-01/18-87](#), para. 2 (footnote omitted).

⁶⁸ [ICC-01/18-87-Anx1](#); [ICC-01/18-87-Anx2](#); [ICC-01/18-87-Anx3](#).

⁶⁹ ICC-01/18-127, para. 3.

⁷⁰ [ICC-01/18-14](#), para. 17.

the documents transmitted by the Registry on his behalf by means of the 16 March 2020 Registry Transmission and 31 March 2020 Registry Transmission.⁷¹

C. The ‘Amicus Curiae Request for Extension of Time’ on behalf of Intellectum Scientific Society

20. Intellectum Scientific Society indicates that it ‘submitted an abbreviated 10-page amicus curiae submission pursuant to Rule 103 on 16 March 2020’.⁷² However, Intellectum Scientific Society requests ‘a two-week extension in order to submit a more complete and lege artis version of its amicus curiae [sic]’, which would render it due on 31 March 2020.⁷³

21. According to Intellectum Scientific Society, ‘[t]he implications of the global COVID-19 pandemic constitute good cause for the [...] deadline to be extended’.⁷⁴ In particular, Intellectum Scientific Society submits that it is seeking an extension of the time limit ‘due to the 13 March 2020 decision of the Greek Government to temporarily suspend most judicial operations and a little later to order the closure of most of the shops and advice citizens to stay [sic] at their homes and not go out’.⁷⁵

22. Seeing as the ‘Amicus Curiae Request for Extension of Time’ on behalf of Intellectum Scientific Society was submitted after the lapse of the time limit, the Chamber considers that it must be assessed under regulation 35(2), second sentence, of the Regulations of the Court (the ‘Regulations’). This sentence reads as follows: ‘[a]fter the lapse of a time limit, an extension of time may only be granted if the participant seeking the extension can demonstrate that he or she was unable to file the application within the time limit for reasons outside his or her control’.

23. The Chamber recalls that, in the 28 January 2020 Order, it gave ‘notice to potential *amici curiae* that any observations [on the Prosecutor’s Request] will have to be submitted by no later than 16 March 2020’.⁷⁶ Intellectum Scientific Society was, thus, put on notice of the time limit for the submission of its observations well in advance of the 13 March 2020 decision of the Greek Government, which was adopted

⁷¹ The Chamber further notes that the document transmitted to the Chamber by means of the 31 March 2020 Registry Transmission does not pertain to the Prosecutor’s Request.

⁷² [ICC-01/18-121](#), para. 2.

⁷³ [ICC-01/18-121](#), para. 3.

⁷⁴ [ICC-01/18-121](#), para. 4.

⁷⁵ [ICC-01/18-121](#), para. 5.

⁷⁶ [ICC-01/18-14](#), para. 17.

approximately three days before the lapse of this time limit. Therefore, Intellectum Scientific Society has not demonstrated that it was unable to file its unabridged observations for ‘reasons outside [its] control’ within the meaning of regulation 35(2), second sentence, of the Regulations.

24. In addition, having reviewed the abbreviated observations submitted on behalf of Intellectum Scientific Society, the Chamber considers that these observations may meaningfully assist it in its determination of the Prosecutor’s Request.

25. It follows that the ‘Amicus Curiae Request for Extension of Time’ on behalf of Intellectum Scientific Society must be rejected.

D. The ‘Request for an extension of time to submit written observations’ on behalf of Ms Jennifer Robinson

26. Ms Jennifer Robinson ‘requests an extension of time to file written observations [on behalf of a number of victims] on the question of the Court’s jurisdiction in the Situation in the State of Palestine’ until 6 April 2020.⁷⁷

27. Ms Jennifer Robinson submits that she received formal instructions on 16 March 2020 and ‘it was not possible for [her] to file appropriately prepared observations on the same day she received instructions’.⁷⁸ She further argues that these difficulties ‘were, and continue to be, compounded by the unfolding Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic’.⁷⁹

28. Lastly, in relation to the Chamber’s residual discretion to extend the time limit, Ms Jennifer Robinson ‘requests that the Chamber take particular note of the importance [sic] victims’ participation in the proceedings of the Court, including during this preliminary stage of proceedings’.⁸⁰

29. For the reasons set out above in relation to the ‘Amicus Curiae Request for Extension of Time’ on behalf of Intellectum Scientific Society, the Chamber is of the view that the ‘Request for an extension of time to submit written observations’ on behalf of Ms Jennifer Robinson must be assessed under regulation 35(2), second sentence, of the Regulations.

⁷⁷ [ICC-01/18-124](#), para. 1.

⁷⁸ [ICC-01/18-124](#), paras 11-12.

⁷⁹ [ICC-01/18-124](#), para. 14.

⁸⁰ [ICC-01/18-124](#), para. 20.

30. The Chamber recalls that, in the 28 January 2020 Order, it *inter alia* invited ‘victims in the Situation in the State of Palestine to submit written observations on the Prosecutor’s Request of no more than 30 pages by no later than 16 March 2020’.⁸¹ Considering that Ms Jennifer Robinson was allowed approximately a month and a half to prepare observations on the Prosecutor’s Request, the Chamber considers that the belated receipt of instructions and the unfolding Covid-19 pandemic do not qualify as ‘reasons outside [...] her control’ within the meaning of regulation 35(2), second sentence, of the Regulations.

31. Furthermore, the Chamber finds that it is not necessary to vary the time limit in the exercise of its discretion in order to permit victims to participate at this stage of the proceedings. In this regard, the Chamber recalls that it appointed the Office of Public Counsel for Victims to submit observations on behalf of unrepresented victims in its 28 January 2020 Order.⁸² Together with the numerous and significant observations submitted on behalf of specific (groups of) victims, this ensures a sufficient degree of participation by victims at this early stage of the proceedings.

32. For these reasons, the Chamber finds that the ‘Request for an extension of time to submit written observations’ on behalf of Ms Jennifer Robinson must be rejected.

⁸¹ [ICC-01/18-14](#), para. 13.

⁸² [ICC-01/18-14](#), para. 14.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

- a) **REJECTS** the ‘Corrected version of PSE Situation: ICC-01/18-101 + Anxs 1 and 2 March 16, 2020 Observations on behalf of The Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust on “a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine”’ (ICC-01/18-101-Corr);
- b) **FINDS** that Mr Fouad Baker does not have standing to submit observations on the Prosecutor’s Request and **DECLINES** to accept the documents transmitted by the Registry on his behalf (ICC-01/18-87 and ICC-01/18-127);
- c) **REJECTS** the ‘Amicus Curiae Request for Extension of Time’ on behalf of Intellectum Scientific Society (ICC-01/18-121); and
- d) **REJECTS** the ‘Request for an extension of time to submit written observations’ on behalf of Ms Jennifer Robinson (ICC-01/18-124).

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Péter Kovács, Presiding Judge



Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut



**Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie
Alapini-Gansou**

Dated this Tuesday, 31 March 2020

At The Hague, The Netherlands