

**Cour  
Pénale  
Internationale**



**International  
Criminal  
Court**

Original: **English**

No. **ICC-PTCI-01/21**

Date: **23 March 2021**

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before:**

**Judge Péter Kovács  
Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou  
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera**

**Public**

Decision on the Election of the Presiding Judge

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

**The Office of the Prosecutor**

Ms Fatou Bensouda  
Mr James Stewart

**Counsel for the Defence**

**Legal Representatives of Victims**

**Legal Representatives of Applicants**

**Unrepresented Victims**

**Unrepresented Applicants for  
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for Victims**

Ms Paolina Massidda

**The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence**

Mr Xavier-Jean Keïta

**States Representative**

**Amicus Curiae**

**REGISTRY**

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**Registrar**

Mr Peter Lewis

**Counsel Support Section**

Mr Esteban Peralta Losilla

**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

Mr Nigel Verrill

**Detention Section**

Mr Harry Tjonk

**Victims Participation and Reparations  
Section**

Mr Philipp Ambach

**Other**

**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I** (the ‘Chamber’) of the International Criminal Court (the ‘Court’) issues this Decision on the Election of the Presiding Judge of the Chamber.

1. On 16 March 2021, the Presidency of the Court recomposed the Chamber and assigned the following situations to it: Democratic Republic of the Congo; Libya; Republic of Mali; Gabonese Republic; Registered Vessels of Comoros, Greece and Cambodia; Palestine; People’s Republic of Bangladesh and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Georgia; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela II.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Chamber notes regulation 13(2) of the Regulations of the Court pursuant to which the Judges of each Pre-Trial Chamber ‘shall elect from amongst their members a Presiding Judge who shall carry out the functions conferred upon him or her by the Statute, Rules or otherwise’.
3. On 18 March 2021, the Judges of the Chamber elected Judge Péter Kovács to act as the Presiding Judge of the Chamber with immediate effect.

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<sup>1</sup> ICC-Pres-01/21, pp. 6-7, 9.

**FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY**

**DECIDES** that Judge Péter Kovács is the Presiding Judge of the Pre-Trial Chamber I; and

**ORDERS** the Registrar to file and notify the present decision to the relevant parties and participants in the following situations and cases therein: Democratic Republic of the Congo; Libya; Republic of Mali; Gabonese Republic; Registered Vessels of Comoros, Greece and Cambodia; Palestine; People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Georgia; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela II.

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



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**Judge Péter Kovács**



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**Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie  
Alapini-Gansou**



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**Judge María del Socorro  
Flores Liera**

Dated this Tuesday, 23 March 2021

At The Hague, The Netherlands