

**Cour
Pénale
Internationale**



**International
Criminal
Court**

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No.: **ICC-01/21**
Date: **19 April 2021**

THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Piotr Hofmański, President
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza, First Vice-President
Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua, Second Vice-President

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SECRET, with secret Annex I

***Ex parte*, only available to the Prosecutor and the Registrar**

Decision on the assignment of the situation in the Republic of the Philippines

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Fatou Bensouda

James Stewart

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

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

States' Representatives

REGISTRY

Registrar

Peter Lewis

Counsel Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Other

Pre-Trial Chamber I

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

THE PRESIDENCY of the International Criminal Court (the 'Court') notes the memorandum of 12 April 2021, annexed hereto, from the Prosecutor pursuant to regulation 45 of the Regulations of the Court (the 'Regulations'), informing that the Prosecutor intends to submit a request to a pre-trial chamber for authorisation to open an investigation into the situation in the Republic of the Philippines, under article 15(3) of the Rome Statute.¹ The Prosecutor further requests that any decision assigning the matter to a pre-trial chamber be filed secret *ex parte*, available only to the Prosecution.

The Presidency recalls regulation 46(2) of the Regulations, pursuant to which the Presidency shall assign a situation to a pre-trial chamber as soon as the Prosecutor has informed the Presidency in accordance with regulation 45 of the Regulations.

The Presidency notes the composition of the Pre-Trial Division as well as the composition of its chambers, including the respective workloads of each Pre-Trial Chamber.² The Presidency further notes the respective assignments, qualifications and experience of the judges.³

Accordingly, the Presidency *hereby decides* to assign, with immediate effect, the situation in the Republic of the Philippines to Pre-Trial Chamber I, with the following composition:

Judge Péter Kovács

Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou

Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

The present decision is issued on a secret basis, at the request of the Prosecutor.

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

¹ Annex I.

² See e.g. Presidency, Decision assigning judges to divisions and recomposing Chambers, 16 March 2021, ICC-01/04-763.

³ See Articles 36(5), 39(1) and 39(2)(b)(iii) of the Rome Statute.



Judge Piotr Hofmański
President

Dated this 19 April 2021

At The Hague, The Netherlands