

**Cour
Pénale
Internationale**

**International
Criminal
Court**



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

Date: **29 April 2021**

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

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

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SECRET

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

The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence

States Representative

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar

Mr Peter Lewis

Counsel Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

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 in the situation in the Republic of the Philippines.

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.¹
2. On 19 April 2021, the Presidency also assigned, with immediate effect, the situation in the Republic of the Philippines to the Chamber.²
3. 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’.
4. On 22 April 2021, the Judges of the Chamber elected Judge Péter Kovács to act as the Presiding Judge of the Chamber in the situation in the Republic of the Philippines with immediate effect.

¹ ICC-Pres-01/21, pp. 6-7, 9.

² Decision on the assignment of the situation in the Republic of the Philippines, ICC-01/21-1-SECRET-Exp.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

DECIDES that Judge Péter Kovács is the Presiding Judge of the Chamber in the situation in the Republic of the Philippines.

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

Judge Péter Kovács

**Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie
Alapini-Gansou**

**Judge María del Socorro
Flores Liera**

Dated this Thursday, 29 April 2021
At The Hague, The Netherlands