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

SITUATION IN THE STATE OF PALESTINE

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I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to Pre-Trial Chamber I's "Decision on Information and Outreach for the Victims of the Situation" issued on 13 July 2018 ("Chamber" and "Decision of 13 July 2018", respectively),¹ the Registry hereby submits its thirteenth report on the progress of its activities related to information and outreach for victims and affected communities in the situation in the State of Palestine ("Situation").

II. Procedural History

2. On 13 July 2018, the Chamber issued its decision by which it, *inter alia*, ordered the Registry to: *i*) "establish, as soon as practicable, a system of public information and outreach activities for the benefit of victims and affected communities of the situation in Palestine";² *ii*) submit an initial report on its activities "at a time deemed appropriate but no later than 14 December 2018" and inform the Chamber, every three months, about the progress of its information and outreach activities and the challenges encountered;³ and *iii*) "create an informative page on the Court's website, especially directed to the victims in the situation of Palestine".⁴
3. Since 12 November 2018, the Registry files regularly its periodic reports⁵ on the progress relating to information and outreach activities for victims and affected communities in the Situation.

¹ Pre-Trial Chamber I, "Decision on Information and Outreach for the Victims of the Situation", 13 July 2018, ICC-01/18-2.

² Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10, *lit.* a) and paras. 13-18.

³ Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10 *lit.* b) and para. 19.

⁴ Decision of 13 July 2018, p. 10 *lit.* c) and para. 18.

⁵ See Registry, "Registry's Initial Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation", 12 November 2018, ICC-01/18-3-Conf. A public redacted version dated 19 November 2018 was registered on 20 November 2019, ICC-01/18-3-Red; "Registry's Second Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation", dated 12 February 2019 and registered 13 February 2019, ICC-01/18-4-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-4-Red; "Registry's Third

4. On 5 February 2021, the Chamber issued the “Decision on the ‘Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine”.⁶ The Chamber decided, by majority, that the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in the Situation in Palestine, a State Party to the ICC Rome Statute, extends to the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, namely Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.⁷
5. On 3 March 2021, the then ICC Prosecutor confirmed that her office has initiated an investigation into the Situation.⁸

Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 13 May 2019, ICC-01/18-5-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-5-Red; “Registry’s Fourth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 9 August 2019, ICC-01/18-6-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-6-Red; “Registry’s Fifth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, dated 14 November 2019 and registered on 15 November 2019, ICC-01/18-7; “Registry’s Sixth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 February 2020, ICC-01/18-20-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-20-Red; “Registry’s Seventh Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 11 May 2020, ICC-01/18-132-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-132-Red; “Registry’s Eighth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 August 2020, ICC-01/18-141-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-141-Red; “Registry’s Ninth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 November 2020, ICC-01/18-142-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-142-Red; “Registry’s Tenth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 February 2020, ICC-01/18-144-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-144-Red; “Registry’s Eleventh Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 May 2020, ICC-01/18-147-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-147-Red.; “Registry’s Twelfth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 August 2021, ICC-01/18-148-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-148-Red.

⁶ Pre-Trial Chamber I, “Decision on the ‘Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court’s territorial jurisdiction in Palestine’”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143.

⁷ *Id.*, p. 60; See also “Judge Péter Kovács’ Partly Dissenting Opinion”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143-Anx1 and “Partly Separate Opinion of Judge Perrin de Brichambaut”, 5 February 2021, ICC-01/18-143-Anx2.

⁸ Statement of ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, respecting an investigation of the Situation in Palestine, 3 March 2021, <https://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=210303-prosecutor-statement-investigation-palestine>.

III. Classification

6. Pursuant to regulation 23*bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”), this report is classified as “confidential” since it contains sensitive information [redacted].
7. The Registry will concomitantly file a public redacted version of the present report.

IV. Applicable Law

8. The Registry submits the present report pursuant to the Chamber’s instruction⁹ as well as the applicable law recalled by the Chamber in its Decision of 13 July 2018,¹⁰ and in accordance with regulations 8 and 23*bis*(1) of the RoC and regulation 6 of the Regulations of the Registry.

V. Submissions

A. Registry’s activities during the reporting period (12 August – 11 November 2021)

9. During the reporting period, the activities of the Public Information and Outreach Section (“PIOS”) remained limited, particularly due to [redacted] and the restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Similarly, activities of the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”) have remained limited and mostly confined to correspondence with interlocutors, not least due to competing judicial priorities and COVID-related restrictions.

⁹ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 19 and Disposition, *lit. b*) on p. 10.

¹⁰ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 6.

a. Activities conducted by PIOS

10. [Redacted].
11. During the reporting period, PIOS used the opportunity [redacted] to consult on outreach activities in general [redacted], which they confirmed are still crucial for a better understanding of the work of the Court. Further, PIOS explored possible remote participation of ICC staff [redacted]; maximising the use and distribution of PIOS tailored information materials, such as the “Understanding the ICC” booklet, radio programs and videos about the mandate of the Court, the proceedings, the role of the parties and participants, victims’ participation, etc. In order to facilitate communication and distribution of information materials from the Court, but also to be able to efficiently receive and answer questions coming from the ground, PIOS created [redacted].
12. The booklet “Understanding the ICC” [redacted] is currently being updated. The electronic version will be posted on the website and shared as widely as possible as it becomes available.
13. PIOS continues monitoring perceptions on traditional (online) and social media and shares these reports with relevant Registry sections and the Office of the Prosecutor.
14. Finally, PIOS’ Outreach Unit is regularly replying to communications from interested stakeholders and it is updating its list of contacts.

b. Activities carried out by VPRS

15. Throughout the reporting period, VPRS replied to queries from interlocutors who sought information about victim-related matters and relevant judicial developments in the Situation. [Redacted].

B. Subsequent activities**a. PIOS**

16. [Redacted], PIOS will continue informing the public about the judicial developments in the situation. It will also continue media monitoring, production of information materials in Arabic and Hebrew, replying to communications from interested stakeholders and updating the list of contacts as well as using the opportunity of their presence at the Court to meet with stakeholders and possible partners.

b. VPRS

17. VPRS will endeavour to continue to disseminate specific victim-related information amongst its interlocutors and to keep them informed about all judicial developments in the Situation.

18. VPRS and PIOS will continue to work closely together and will carry out joint activities whenever possible and relevant.



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on behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 12 November 2021

At The Hague, The Netherlands