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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

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

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

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**Notification by the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of its Decision
to Undertake specified Activities in the Republic of Mali pursuant to regulation
50(a) of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims**

Source: Trust Fund for Victims

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

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I. CONTEXT AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. Pursuant to regulation 50(a) of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims (“Regulations of the Trust Fund”), the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (“Board of Directors” and “Trust Fund”) shall notify the relevant Chamber of the Court before undertaking the specified activities it considers necessary as part of its assistance mandate to provide physical or psychological rehabilitation or material support for the benefit of the victims and their families.

2. At its twenty-second meeting held from 6 to 10 November 2020, the Board of Directors, having assessed the situation of victims on the territory of the Republic of Mali (“Mali”), concluded that it was necessary to undertake specific activities in order to provide physical and psychological rehabilitation and, material support for the benefit of victims and their families in Mali, in response to serious crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the Court suffered in Mali since January 2012.

3. Between 18 November 2020 and 22 December 2021, the Trust Fund launched a competitive and transparent procurement process with the support of the Court’s Procurement Unit, for the purposes of selecting partners to implement a holistic assistance programme providing physical and psychological rehabilitation and socio-economic support to the victims and their families in Mali.

4. The procurement process was conducted in two phases: a call for expressions of interest followed by a proposal application. At the end of the process, the Trust Fund selected project proposals from the organizations which, on completion of the technical evaluation of the proposals, had achieved at least the minimum score required, and decided to provide them with funding.

5. A description of the specific activities of the projects can be found in the annex hereto.

6. On 25 October 2021, the technical evaluation report was sent to the Procurement Unit. On 21 December 2021, the Procurement Review Committee (“Committee”)

reviewed the results of the procurement process and endorsed it. The Registrar approved the Committee's recommendation and on 22 December 2020, signed the Committee's report.

II. NOTIFICATION OF THE SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES PROPOSED

7. The specified activities proposed are outlined in Annex I to this document. The programme to provide physical and psychological rehabilitation and material support for the benefit of victims and their families in Mali is described therein.

III. NO PRE-DETERMINATION OF ANY ISSUE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT

8. According to Regulation 50(a)(ii) of the Regulations of the Trust Fund, following notification from the Trust Fund:

the relevant Chamber of the Court has responded and has not [...] informed the Board in writing that a specific activity or project [...] would pre-determine any issue to be determined by the Court, including the determination of jurisdiction pursuant to article 19, admissibility pursuant to articles 17 and 18, or violate the presumption of innocence pursuant to article 66, or be prejudicial to or inconsistent with the rights of the accused and a fair and impartial trial.

9. The Trust Fund respectfully submits to the Pre-Trial Chamber that the specified activities selected do not pre-determine any issue to be determined by the Court. The specified activities selected will focus mainly on the crimes committed in the situation in Mali and are unconnected to any investigations or national and international proceedings.

FOR THESE REASONS,

Considering the need to provide physical and/or psychological rehabilitation and/or material support for the benefit of victims and their families in Mali in the form of the specified activities detailed in Annex I to this document, the Board of Directors respectfully submits this notification to the Pre-Trial Chamber, pursuant to regulation 50(a) of the Regulations of the Trust Fund.

[signed]

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Executive Director, Trust Fund for Victims
on behalf of
The Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

Dated this 1 February 2022

At The Hague, Netherlands