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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 seventeenth 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

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

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 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; “Registry’s Thirteenth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 November 2021, ICC-01/18-149-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-149-Red; “Registry’s Fourteenth Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 11 February 2022, ICC-01/18-150-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-150-Red; “Fifteenth Registry Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 12 May 2022, ICC-01/18-151-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-151-Red. “Sixteenth Registry Report on Information and Outreach Activities Concerning Victims and Affected Communities in the Situation”, 11 August 2022, ICC-01/18-152-Conf. A public redacted version was filed on the same date, ICC-01/18-152-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.

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 Prosecutor on the International Criminal Court (“ICC” and “Court”) confirmed the initiation of an investigation into the Situation.⁸

III. Classification

6. Pursuant to regulation 23bis(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 23bis(1) of the RoC and regulation 6 of the Regulations of the Registry.

V. Submissions

A. Registry activities during the reporting period (11 August – 10 November 2022)

a. Activities conducted by PIOS

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

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

¹⁰ Decision of 13 July 2018, para. 6.

9. During the reporting period, the Public Information and Outreach Section (“PIOS”) finalized the organization of and received the visit [Redacted].
10. The four-day event offered a unique opportunity [Redacted] to visit the Court and gain first-hand knowledge about its mandate and work. Participants engaged with the Deputy Prosecutor and the Registrar as well as representatives of the Office of the Prosecutor, the Presidency, the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (“VPRS”), the Victims and Witnesses Section, the Trust Fund for Victims, the Offices of Public Counsel for Victims and for the Defence, and PIOS. On several occasions, follow-up meetings were organised to ensure enough time for meaningful discussions. The participants also had the opportunity to follow, from the public gallery of one of the courtrooms, one of the hearings in the ongoing trials, contributing to building understanding of the Court. [Redacted].
11. [Redacted].
12. PIOS also held several consultation sessions with the participants in order to discuss perceptions and concerns about the Court, as well as to exchange on how to best tailor messages and possible outreach activities, strategies and approaches to continue monitoring the situation, clarifying misunderstandings and managing expectations. Overall, the visit was very successful in laying the foundation for an outreach system [Redacted].
13. [Redacted].
14. In September and October 2022, PIOS also met with several groups [Redacted] who visited the Court in order to learn more about its work and the Palestine situation. [Redacted].
15. In addition, during the reporting period, PIOS continued compiling social media and traditional (online) media reports aiming at monitoring

perceptions and reactions in relation to the Situation and shared them with relevant ICC counterparts.

b. Activities carried out by VPRS

16. VPRS actively engaged with [Redacted] who visited the Court. [Redacted]. Moreover, in close consultation with PIOS, VPRS also met with the various groups who visited the Court during the reporting period.

17. Moreover, VPRS organized [Redacted].¹¹ VPRS continued to engage with interlocutors who sought information about matters relating to victim participation and relevant judicial developments in the Situation.

B. Subsequent activities

18. Immediately after the conclusion of the [Redacted], PIOS started preparations for the [Redacted]. In particular, PIOS has identified [Redacted]. PIOS has started discussions with [Redacted] who have already confirmed their interest in participating.

19. PIOS is currently in the process of organising an [Redacted], on victims' rights before the Court, the Court proceedings and the possible involvement of the civil society.

20. PIOS will also continue to inform the public and provide relevant information about judicial developments in the Situation, if any. In addition, PIOS will carry on performing its regular activities of media monitoring, production of information materials in Arabic and Hebrew and updating its list of contacts when relevant.

21. VPRS will continue its current activities, including any relevant updates of victim messages. [Redacted].

¹¹ [Redacted].

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



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Dated this 11 November 2022

At The Hague, The Netherlands