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**PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before:** Judge Péter Kovács, Presiding Judge  
Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou  
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

**SITUATION IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA I**

**Public**

**With Confidential Annex I and Public Annex II**

**Transmission of a communication from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on the “Prosecution’s request to resume the investigation into the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I pursuant to article 18(2)” (ICC-02/18-18)**

**Source:** The Registry

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

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Victims**

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**States' Representatives**

Competent authorities of the Bolivarian  
Republic of Venezuela

**Amicus Curiae**

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**Victims and Witnesses Unit**

**Detention Section**

**Victims Participation and Reparations  
Section**

**Other**

## **I. Introduction**

1. The Registry hereby transmits to Pre-Trial Chamber I (“Chamber”) in accordance with rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, a communication received from the competent authorities of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (“Venezuela”) dated 10 November 2022, following the “Prosecution request to resume the investigation into the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I pursuant to article 18(2)” (“Request”).<sup>1</sup>

## **II. Procedural History**

2. On 1 November 2022, Venezuela was notified of the Request for authorization to resume the investigations under article 18(2) of the Rome Statute.<sup>2</sup>
3. On 3 November 2022, Venezuela was notified of the request, made by the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (“OPCV”), to submit observations on the Request.<sup>3</sup>
4. On 11 November 2022, the Registry received, by email and for transmission to the Chamber, a communication from authorities of Venezuela consisting of a Note Verbale<sup>4</sup> accompanied by “Proposals on the procedure before Pre-Trial Chamber I – Venezuela I”<sup>56</sup> (“Observations”), dated 10 November 2022.

## **III. Classification**

5. Pursuant to regulation 23*bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court, Annex I to the present filing is classified as confidential as it is an official communication between a State and the Registry.

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Prosecutor, “Prosecution request to resume the investigation into the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela I pursuant to article 18(2)”, 1 November 2022, ICC-02/18-18.

<sup>2</sup> *Idem*.

<sup>3</sup> Office of Public Counsel for Victims, “Request to Submit Observations on the Prosecutor’s Request to Resume the Investigation under Article 18(2) of the Statute”, 3 November 2022, ICC-02/18-19.

<sup>4</sup> Annex I.

<sup>5</sup> “Proposals on the procedure before Pre-Trial Chamber I – Venezuela I”, submitted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, 10 November 2022, ICC-02/18.

<sup>6</sup> Annex II.

#### IV. Submission

6. After consultation with the Chamber,<sup>7</sup> the Registry hereby transmits in Annex I the Note Verbale and in Annex II the Observations, both submitted by the competent authorities of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.



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Marc Dubuisson  
Director, Division of Judicial Services  
on behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 14 November 2022

At The Hague, the Netherlands

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<sup>7</sup> Email sent by the Registry to Pre-Trial Chamber I dated 11 November 2022 at 11:23.