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No. **ICC-01/22**
Date: **20 July 2022**

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, Presiding
Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua
Judge Tomoko Akane

SITUATION IN UKRAINE

Public

Decision designating a Single Judge

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Mr Karim A. A. Khan
Mr Alexis Demirdjian

Counsel for the Defence

Legal Representatives of Victims

Legal Representatives of Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparations**

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

**The Office of Public Counsel
for the Defence**

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

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Registrar

Mr Peter Lewis

Counsel Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II of the International Criminal Court issues this Decision designating a Single Judge.

1. On 2 March 2022, following the Prosecution's 'Notice pursuant to regulation 45 of the Regulations of the Court' informing the Presidency of its intention to request authorisation from a Pre-Trial Chamber to open an investigation into the situation in Ukraine, the Presidency assigned that situation to Pre-Trial Chamber II.¹
2. On 7 March 2022, the Prosecution informed the Chamber that it received referrals pursuant to articles 13(a) and 14(1) of the Rome Statute (the 'Statute') from 40 States Parties with respect to the situation in Ukraine and that, since a request for authorisation to open an investigation under article 15 of the Statute was no longer required, it decided to open an investigation in the present situation.²
3. The Chamber notes articles 39(2)(b)(iii) and 57(2)(b) of the Statute, rule 7(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulation 47 of the Regulations of the Court.
4. In light of the criteria contained in the aforementioned provisions and, in particular, the need to ensure the proper management, expeditiousness and efficiency of the proceedings, the Chamber considers it appropriate to designate Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala as Single Judge responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber, subject to article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, in this situation for the period from 23 July 2022 to 22 August 2022 (inclusive).

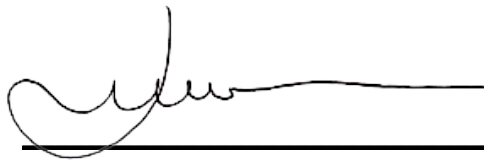
¹ Decision assigning the situation in Ukraine to Pre-Trial Chamber II, ICC-01/22-1 with Annex I containing the Prosecution's notice dated 1 March 2022.

² Notification on receipt of referrals and on initiation of investigation, ICC-01/22-2 with public Annexes A, C, D, E (corrected version of Annex D notified on 22 March 2022) and confidential Annex B. *See also* Further notification on receipt of referrals and of Article 18 letters, ICC-01/22-7, 18 March 2022 with public Annexes A-B.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

DESIGNATES Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala as Single Judge responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber, subject to article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, in the present situation for the period from 23 July 2022 to 22 August 2022 (inclusive).

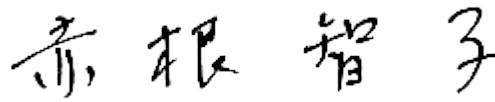
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala
Presiding



Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua



Judge Tomoko Akane

Dated this Wednesday, 20 July 2022

At The Hague, The Netherlands