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Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

# SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

# IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. AHMAD AL FAQI AL MAHDI

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Decision on the TFV's twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth update reports on the updated implementation plan

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**Trial Chamber VIII** of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi* (the '*Al Mahdi* case'), having regard to articles 75 and 79 of the Rome Statute, regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, and regulation 23*bis* of the Regulations of the Court, issues this Decision on the TFV's Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth update reports on the updated implementation plan (the 'Decision').

#### I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. On 4 March 2019, the Chamber issued its Decision on the Updated Implementation Plan ('UIP'), *inter alia* approving the UIP's selected projects pertaining to individual, collective and symbolic reparations, and setting a deadline for applications for individual reparations of one year from the notification of that decision ('Decision on the UIP').<sup>1</sup>
- 2. On 24 February 2020, the Chamber issued a decision extending the deadline for applications for individual reparations.<sup>2</sup> On 29 April 2020, the Chamber further extended the deadline for applications for individual reparations, subject to three conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.<sup>3</sup>
- 3. On 5 April 2022, the Chamber issued its Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third update report on the UIP, *inter alia*: (i) directing the Legal Representative of Victims ('LRV') and the Trust Fund for Victims ('TFV') to conclude the collection of applications for individual reparations, at the latest, within four weeks from the notification of that decision; and (ii) directing the TFV to complete the implementation of individual awards, at the latest, within four months from the notification of that decision ('Decision on the Twenty-third report').<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision on the Updated Implementation Plan from the Trust Fund for Victims ('Decision on the UIP'), 4 March 2019, ICC-01/12-01/15-324-Conf, public redacted version filed on the same date, ICC-01/12-01/15-324-Red, paras 36, 113(i)-(xii), 114(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Decision on Joint Request for Extension of Reparations Application Deadline ('February 2020 Decision'), 24 February 2020, ICC-01/12-01/15-348-Conf, para. 12, disposition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Decision on the LRV Request for Extension of Time to Submit Individual Reparations Applications ('April 2020 Decision'), 29 April 2020, ICC-01/12-01/15-359-Conf, paras 13-14, disposition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third update report on the updated implementation plan ('Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third report'), 5 April 2022, ICC-01/12-01/15-439-Conf, paras 15, 18, disposition.

- 4. On 14 April 2022<sup>5</sup> and 18 August 2022,<sup>6</sup> the Chamber issued two further decisions extending the deadlines for the consolidation of applications, and for the implementation of individuals awards.
- 5. On 27 October 2022, the Chamber issued another decision: (i) extending, for the last time, the deadline for the LRV to conclude the consolidation of all applications for individual reparations in his possession until 15 December 2022, at the latest; and (ii) directing the TFV to complete the implementation of individual awards by 14 March 2023, at the latest ('October 2022 Decision').<sup>7</sup>
- 6. On 22 February 2023, the Chamber granted the TFV's request<sup>8</sup> for a five day extension of the deadline for the filing of its Twenty-seventh report on the UIP.<sup>9</sup> On 6 March 2023, the TFV filed its Twenty-seventh update report on the UIP ('Twenty-seventh report'), *inter alia*, providing information regarding the implementation of individual, collective, and symbolic reparations awards.<sup>10</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>11</sup>
- 7. [REDACTED], 12 [REDACTED]. 13 [REDACTED]. 14
- 8. On 23 June 2023, the TFV filed its Twenty-eighth update report on the UIP ('Twenty-eighth report'), *inter alia*, providing information regarding the implementation of individual, collective, and symbolic reparations awards. <sup>15</sup> The parties did not request authorisation to file responses.

#### II. SUBMISSIONS AND ANALYSIS

#### A. Individual reparations

a) Administrative decisions and payment of individual reparations

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Decision on the LRV's Urgent Request for an extension of the time limit pursuant to 'Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third update report on the updated implementation plan (ICC-01/12-01/15-439-Conf)' ('April 2022 Decision'), 14 April 2022, ICC-01/12-01/15-443-Conf, para. 13, disposition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Decision on the LRV's Request for an extension of the time limit ('August 2022 Decision'), 18 August 2022, ICC-01/12-01/15-454-Conf, para. 13, disposition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Third Decision on the LRV's Request for an extension of the time limit ('October 2022 Decision'), 27 October 2022, ICC-01/12-01/15-459-Conf, paras 14-15, disposition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Email from the TFV, 22 February 2023, at 18:10 hrs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Email from the Chamber, 23 February 2023, at 10:41 hrs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Twenty-seventh update report on the updated implementation plan ('Twenty-seventh report'), 6 March 2023, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf (with 2 confidential *ex parte* annexes), paras 6-90.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> [REDACTED].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> [REDACTED].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> [REDACTED].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> [REDACTED].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Twenty-eighth update report on the updated implementation plan ('Twenty-eighth report'), 6 June 2023, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf (with 3 confidential *ex parte* annexes), paras 5-61.

9. The Chamber commends the TFV's efforts to consolidate applications for which the LRV requested support,<sup>16</sup> adopt administrative decisions,<sup>17</sup> and issue payments of individual reparations awards to all but five eligible beneficiaries,<sup>18</sup> within the final time frame set by the Chamber.<sup>19</sup> Despite the expiration of the 14 March 2023 deadline for the implementation of individual reparations, the Chamber endorses the TFV's proposal to execute payments to four of the five outstanding eligible beneficiaries, who previously could not be reached, but for whom it has now obtained contact information,<sup>20</sup> as soon as practicable.

## b) Pending applications

- 10. It its Twenty-seventh report, the TFV informs the Chamber that numerous applications for individual awards remain pending.<sup>21</sup> The TFV classifies these applications into the following categories:<sup>22</sup> (i) applications requiring additional information or documentation before an eligibility assessment may be made by the TFV, including: a) applications the TFV requested be consolidated by the LRV in the period between February 2021 and November 2022, which were not consolidated;<sup>23</sup> and b) incomplete applications transmitted to VPRS and received by the TFV for eligibility assessment after 15 December 2022 (i.e. the deadline for the LRV to conclude the consolidation of all applications in his possession);<sup>24</sup> and (ii) applications which were not transmitted to the TFV by the LRV (through VRPS) for an eligibility assessment, including applications collected or received by the TFV, or collected jointly by the TFV and LRV and thereupon transmitted (by the TFV) to the LRV for consolidation, from February 2020.<sup>25</sup> The LRV did not respond to these submissions.
- 11. The TFV proposes that it will submit to the Chamber a report on the implementation of individual awards, including the number of pending applications falling within the foregoing

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, paras 55-56.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The TFV adopted its last batch of administrative decisions on applications transmitted by VPRS on 15 February 2023. *See* Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, paras 6-10, 15-18, 23-26, 31-32, 37, 42, 47-48; Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, paras 62-63; Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> October 2022 Decision, ICC-01/12-01/15-459-Conf, paras 14-15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 65. *See also* Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 65.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 65, n. 52. The TFV estimates that approximately 37 applications appear to fall within this category.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 65, n. 53. The TFV estimates that approximately 12 applications appear to fall within this category.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 65, n. 54. The TFV estimates that a few dozen of applications appear to fall within this category. *See also* Annex II, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf-Exp-AnxII, para. 12, Appendix I, column 'TFV observations 1'.

categories and a proposal for how to address the situation of these applicants.<sup>26</sup> As at the date of filing of the Twenty-eighth report, the TFV was still gathering information to inform such a submission.<sup>27</sup>

- 12. The Chamber recalls that in its Decision on the UIP, it determined that one year from the notification of that Decision was a reasonable and appropriate deadline for the implementation of individual reparations 'to ensure the efficient conduct of the reparations proceedings'. Notwithstanding this, the Chamber, exceptionally, extended the deadline for the collection and consolidation of applications, and implementation of individual awards on six occasions. In its October 2022 Decision, the Chamber underscored that the extension granted therein would be 'the very last extension it grants' and instructed the LRV to ensure that he deployed all available means to finalise the consolidation of applications, including considering the TFV's offer to directly consolidate them.
- 13. The Chamber regrets that, in spite of the multiple extensions received, the LRV failed to comply with the final deadline set by the Chamber for the consolidation of pending applications. The LRV and the TFV have been afforded ample opportunity to conclude the implementation of individual reparations. Whilst the Chamber is mindful of the TFV's prior submissions that all victims who have submitted applications for reparations should be in a position to receive a decision on their eligibility to benefit from individual reparations,<sup>31</sup> it also recalls that collective programmes should be the primary part of the reparations award and that any individual surplus should be reinvested in collective reparations.<sup>32</sup>
- 14. In light of the above, in order to expeditiously conclude implementing the individual reparations awarded in the case, and effectively reinvest any surplus of funds in collective reparations, the Chamber considers that the TFV should be now entrusted with the full

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Decision on the UIP, <u>ICC-01/12-01/15-324-Red</u>, paras 36, 114(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> February 2020 Decision, ICC-01/12-01/15-348-Conf, para. 12, disposition; April 2020 Decision, ICC-01/12-01/15-359-Conf, paras 13-14, disposition; Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third report, ICC-01/12-01/15-439-Conf, paras 15, 18, disposition; April 2022 Decision, ICC-01/12-01/15-443-Conf, para. 14, disposition; August 2022 Decision, ICC-01/12-01/15-454-Conf, para. 13, disposition; October 2022 Decision, ICC-01/12-01/15-459-Conf, paras 14-15, disposition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> October 2022 Decision, ICC-01/12-01/15-454-Conf, para. 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Trust Fund for Victims' response to the Legal Representative for Victims' third request for extension of time (ICC-01/12-01/15-456-Conf) ('TFV October 2022 Response'), 17 October 2022, ICC-01/12-01/15-457-Conf, para. 19. *See also* Requête en extension du délai accordé pour terminer les activités de consolidation de dossiers en cours de réparation individuelle, 12 October 2022, ICC-01/12-01/15-456-Conf, para. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> February 2020 Decision, ICC-01/12-01/15-348-Conf, paras 8-9; Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third report, ICC-01/12-01/15-439-Conf, paras 16, 18.

responsibility to finalise all pending matters related to individual reparations. Accordingly, the Chamber instructs (i) the LRV to provide to the TFV, within two weeks from the notification of the present Decision at the latest, with all information and documentation in its possession related to all victims for which an eligibility assessment is still pending; and (ii) the TFV to directly consolidate, decide upon, and issue relevant payments, filing its final report on the implementation of individual awards<sup>33</sup> within four weeks from the date it receives all information and documentation currently within the LRV.

## **B.** Collective Reparations

- a) Time frame for the implementation of collective reparations
- 15. The Chamber recalls that in its Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third report, it directed the TFV to commence the implementation of collective reparations in the shortest time possible and to provide the Chamber with detailed information regarding the future planned activities for the implementation of collective reparations, and a concrete timeline for the completion of all reparations ordered in the case.<sup>34</sup> The Chamber recalls the TFV's submissions regarding the proposed timeline of activities, which stated as follows:
- 16. **Collective reparations for moral harm** 'started' in June 2021.<sup>35</sup> 'September 2022 has been set as the deadline for selection of the measures', which 'will be implemented by the Trust Fund and its partner' from the last quarter of October 2022 to, at the latest, March 2024.<sup>36</sup>
- 17. **Collective reparations for economic harm** 'started' in November 2021.<sup>37</sup> '[T]he official launch of the implementation of the measures will take place in August/September' 2022 and 'will be rolled out for a period of three years', concluding in August 2025.<sup>38</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> *See* Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 66; Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third report, ICC-01/12-01/15-439-Conf, para. 11, disposition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Twenty-fourth update report on the updated implementation plan ('Twenty-fourth report'), 25 May 2022, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 42. In the week of 14 March 2023, a memorialisation measure was selected. Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 43. On 5 July 2022, the TFV and its implementing partners conducted meetings to present the proposed collective reparations measures for economic harm. As of 26 August 2022, the Trust Fund and its implementing partners were consolidating the proposals and community validation was going to be pursued in the coming weeks by the implementing partners. Twenty-fifth update report on the updated implementation plan ('Twenty-fifth report'), ICC-01/12-01/15-455-Conf, 26 August 2022, paras 61, 63; Between 14 and 27 December 2022 nine consultative workshops were held wherein the results of the market survey were presented in order to receive validation, observations, and recommendations about the proposed collective measures to address the economic harm. Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 82; From 7 March 2023 to 6 June 2023, two components of the Economic Resilience Facility were further developed and endorsed at the local level. Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 26.

- 18. Collective reparations in the form of a facility of protection and maintenance of the Protected Buildings 'started' in the February to May 2022 reporting period.<sup>39</sup> The reparations measure consisting of 'awarding support to [REDACTED] should take place from June to July 2022,'40 'the first workshop with the corporation of masons will take place in the period from July to October 2022',<sup>41</sup> 'the renovation work should take place from September to December 2022',<sup>42</sup> and the required work in relation to the maintenance funds 'will be conducted' from January 2023 to the end of the contract in December 2024.<sup>43</sup>
- 19. The Chamber reiterates that in its Decision on the UIP, it noted that the UIP generally envisaged a three-year time frame (from March 2019) for the implementation of all reparations in the case. 44 The Chamber acknowledges the TFV's submission that collective reparations are operationalised with implementing partners, the selection and contracting of which took around two years. 45 The Chamber further takes note of the TFV's efforts to conduct extensive consultations with the victims on the measures to be adopted, and of the impact of the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of service-based reparations measures. 46 Noting, however, that the proposed time frame for the completion of the final collective reparations measures for economic harm is August 2025 47—more than six years from the issuance of the Decision on the UIP—and that there has already been some slippage in the proposed time frame, 48 the Chamber reinforces the importance of the timely implementation of reparations, and its expectation that there be no deviation from the foregoing time frame proposed by the TFV for the completion of the implementation of reparations.
  - b) Collective reparations for moral harm suffered by the Timbuktu community
- 20. With regard to collective reparations for moral harm, the TFV notes in its Twenty-eighth report that it received—and endorses—a proposal from CFOGRAD, a Timbuktu-based

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 45. Support to [REDACTED] was delivered in early August 2022. Twenty-fifth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-455-Conf, para.78.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 44. Capacity building workshops for masons on the issues of conservation of built cultural heritage took place on 12 and 13 October 2022, and from 13 to 15 December 2022. Twenty-sixth update report on the updated implementation plan, 25 November 2022, ICC-01/12-01/15-460-Conf, para. 58; Twenty-seventh report, ICC-01/12-01/15-462-Conf, para. 87.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 45. The reconstruction works took place and were fully completed during the reporting period of the Twenty-eighth update report (7 March 2023 to 6 June 2023). Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, paras 48-50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third report, ICC-01/12-01/15-439-Conf, para. 6; Decision on the UIP, <u>ICC-01/12-01/15-324-Red</u>, para. 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Decision on the TFV's Twenty-third report, ICC-01/12-01/15-439-Conf, para. 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> See paras 15, n. 34, 16, n. 35-36, 17, n. 37-38, 18, n. 39-43 above.

organisation with which it jointly implements the project, to focus its third year of activities on the delivery of psychological support to the community via community-based therapy.<sup>49</sup> The Chamber recalls the flexibility it accorded to the TFV in the implementation of reparations in light of evolving circumstances.<sup>50</sup> Considering that this proposal is consistent with the reparations ordered by the Chamber, and noting the conclusions of CFOGRAD based on its engagement with local communities, including: (i) the persistence of the impact of the crimes on the mental health of community members; and (ii) the need to adopt a community based approach that considers the negative impact of gender roles, perceptions and stereotypes on men who have suffered from trauma and other psychological consequences as a result of the convicted crime, the Chamber endorses this proposal.<sup>51</sup>

# c) Protection and maintenance of the Protected Buildings

21. In respect of the protection and maintenance of the Protected Buildings, the TFV proposes in its Twenty-eighth report to expand the scope of the lighting improvement project to include four additional Protected Buildings—which are identified in the Reparations Order, <sup>52</sup> but were not included in the Updated Implementation Plan ('UIP')<sup>53</sup>—in response to a request received through UNESCO from the community and [REDACTED]. <sup>54</sup> Specifically, the TFV proposes to install solar lighting infrastructure around the three mausolea in the cemetery of the Three Saints (Sheikh Mouhamad El Mikki, Sheikh Abdoul Kassim Attouaty, and Sheikh Sidi Ahmed Ben Amar Arragadi), as well as the Alpha Moya mausoleum, which are in a similar position to—and are equally as vulnerable and insecure as—the mausolea currently benefitting from the project. <sup>55</sup> The installation of lighting is intended to improve visibility around the sites at night and to prevent crime, thus leading to a greater use of these public spaces. <sup>56</sup> The TFV submits that the present non-inclusion of these buildings in the project creates inequality between the families of the descendants and the communities, which

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, paras 23-24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Decision on the UIP, <u>ICC-01/12-01/15-324-Red</u>, paras 17-18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Reparations Order, 17 August 2017, ICC-01/12-01/15-236, para. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Updated Implementation Plan ('UIP'), 2 November 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-291-Conf, para. 100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, paras 52, 57; Annex 1, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx1; Annex 2, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, paras 52-54; Annex 1, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx1, p.1; Annex 2, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 53; Annex 1, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx1; Annex 2, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx2; UIP, ICC-01/12-01/15-291-Conf, paras 100, 102.

is likely to create tensions within communities, contrary to the objective of reparations to contribute to social cohesion.<sup>57</sup>

- 22. The TFV also proposes to expand the scope of support provided to [REDACTED], beyond the provision of 50 chairs and two motorbikes provided for by the UIP,<sup>58</sup> in response to a request received through UNESCO from [REDACTED].<sup>59</sup> Noting the increase in activities of [REDACTED], which requires greater reception capacity, the TFV proposes to additionally provide [REDACTED] with the requested desk, armchair, cupboard, computer, printer, scanner and small refrigerator.<sup>60</sup> The TFV considers that with this additional support, [REDACTED] will be strengthened in supporting the continued implementation of the collective reparations programme.<sup>61</sup>
- 23. The Chamber notes the TFV's submission, with reference to UNESCO's annexed communications, that the described expansion of the foregoing projects would not exceed the initial project budget allocated to UNESCO.<sup>62</sup> Having regard to the TFV's submissions, and considering that the proposed additional activities and support are consistent with, and complementary to, the objects and purpose of collective reparations and the existing modalities adopted in the UIP, the Chamber endorses the proposed activities, provided they can be completed within the prescribed time frame.<sup>63</sup>

# C. Symbolic Reparations

- *a)* Time frame for the implementation of symbolic reparations
- 24. As to the current status of implementation and the timeline for the completion of symbolic reparations, the Chamber takes note of the TFV's submissions that it is expected that the *campagne itinerante* 'will start' in the summer of 2022 and 'will complete' by December 2022.<sup>64</sup>

<sup>59</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, paras 55, 57; Annex 1, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx1; Annex 3, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx3.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 54; Annex 1, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx1, p.1; Annex 2, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> UIP, ICC-01/12-01/15-291-Conf, para. 104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, paras 55-56; Annex 1, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx1; Annex 3, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 56; Annex 1, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx1; Annex 3, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, para. 57; Annex 1, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx1, p.2; Annex 2, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx2, p.2; Annex 3, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf-Exp-Anx3, p.2. <sup>63</sup> *See* para. 18 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Twenty-fourth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-447-Conf, para. 47. In March 2023, the *campagne itinerante* of communication and dissemination of the symbolic euro award ceremony that took place in March 2021 continued

#### D. [REDACTED]

# FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY,

**INSTRUCTS** the LRV to provide to the TFV, within two weeks from the issuance of the present Decision at the latest, with all information and documentation in its possession related to all victims for which an eligibility assessment is still pending;

**INSTRUCTS** the TFV to directly consolidate, decide upon, and issue relevant payments, filing its final report on the implementation of individual awards within four weeks from the date it receives all information and documentation currently within LRV;

**REITERATES** the importance of the timely implementation of reparations, and its expectation that there be no deviation from the time frame proposed by the TFV for the completion of the implementation of reparations;

**ENDORSES** the TFV's proposal to execute payments to four of the five outstanding eligible beneficiaries;

**ENDORSES** the proposal from CFOGRAD to focus its third year of activities on the delivery of psychological support to the community via community-based therapy;

**ENDORSES** the TFV's proposal to expand the scope of the lighting improvement project to include the Sheikh Mouhamad El Mikki, Sheikh Abdoul Kassim Attouaty, Sheikh Sidi Ahmed Ben Amar Arragadi and the Alpha Moya mausolea; and

**DIRECTS** the LRV and the TFV to review their underlying submissions and either file public redacted versions, request the reclassification as public, or justify the need to maintain the current classification as confidential and confidential *ex parte*, if applicable, within five days from the notification of the present Decision.

to move forward through film screenings in Timbuktu and Gao. In the coming months, an additional ten film screenings will be organised in the city of Bamako. Twenty-eighth report, ICC-01/12-01/15-465-Conf, paras 58-61.

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

Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

**Presiding Judge** 

**Judge Bertram Schmitt** 

Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

Dated this Monday, 04 December 2023

At The Hague, The Netherlands