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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Single Judge

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. AHMAD AL FAQI AL MAHDI***

Public

**Decision on the schedule of the hearing on the confirmation of charges
against Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi**

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

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Section**

Other

Judge Cuno Tarfusser, Single Judge exercising the functions of the Chamber in the present case, hereby issues this decision on the schedule of the hearing on the confirmation of charges against Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi which will start on 1 March 2016.

1. For purposes of this decision, the Single Judge has considered the submissions of the parties received by email on the estimated time needed to make their respective presentations during the confirmation of charges hearing. The Prosecutor submits to require around four hours, while the Defence indicates it will need approximately 30 minutes.

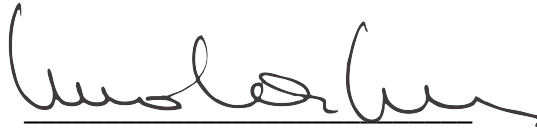
2. In light of these submissions, the confirmation hearing will start on 1 March 2016 and continue, as needed, on 2 March 2016. Subject to any required adjustments to the schedule, the first day will include three sessions of 1.5 hours: 9:30 to 11:00 hours, 11:30 to 13:00 hours, and 14:30 to 16:00 hours. The hearing will continue on 2 March 2016 with the same sitting hours to the extent necessary.

3. The parties have informed the Single Judge that they do not intend to raise any objections or make observations concerning issues related to the proper conduct of the proceedings prior to the confirmation hearing under rule 122(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the "Rules"). Therefore, on 1 March 2016, after introductory remarks by the Presiding Judge, the Prosecutor will make her presentation which will last for approximately four hours, to be followed by the presentation of the Defence which will take about 30 minutes.

4. On 2 March 2016, the Prosecutor and the Defence, in that order, will have the opportunity to make final observations pursuant to rule 122(8) of the Rules. In these final observations, the parties may respond to arguments raised during the hearing and answer any queries from the Chamber, but

cannot present new arguments. No further written submissions will be allowed after the final observations presented orally during the confirmation hearing.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cuno Tarfusser', is written over a horizontal line.

Judge Cuno Tarfusser
Single Judge

Dated this 23 February 2016

At The Hague, The Netherlands