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Before: Judge Raul C. Pangalangan, Single Judge

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

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

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**Decision on Legal Representative of Victims' Request for Extension of Time to
Respond to Draft Implementation Plan**

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

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Judge Raul C. Pangalangan, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber VIII ('Single Judge') of the International Criminal Court ('Court'), issues the following 'Decision on Legal Representative of Victims' Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Draft Implementation Plan', in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi*, having regard to Regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court ('Regulations').

I. Procedural History

1. On 17 August 2017, the Chamber issued the reparations order and ordered the Trust Fund for Victims ('TFV') to prepare a Draft Implementation Plan.¹ The Chamber instructed the Defence and Legal Representatives for Victims ('LRV') to submit their observations on the Draft Implementation Plan within 30 days of the notification of submission of the Draft Implementation Plan.²
2. On 20 April 2018, the TFV filed the Draft Implementation Plan.³
3. On 16 May 2018, the LRV filed a request for extension of time until 30 May 2018 to submit observations on the Draft Implementation Plan ('Request').⁴ The Single Judge granted the Request via an email decision of 16 May 2018 at 4:30 pm.⁵ The reasons for that decision are provided below.

II. Analysis

4. The Single Judge notes that the security situation in Mali and other factors, such as the timing of Ramadan, make it difficult for the LRV to consult victims about their views and concerns on the Draft Implementation Plan. The Single

¹ Reparations Order, ICC-01/12-01/15-236.

² ICC-01/12-01/15-236, page 60.

³ Draft Implementation Plan for Reparations, ICC-01/12-01/15-265-Corr-Red (notified 23 April 2018, corrigendum filed 30 April 2018, with public redacted version filed 18 May 2018).

⁴ *Requête en vue de l'obtention d'une extension de délai*, ICC-01/12-01/15-266.

⁵ The defence for Mr Al Mahdi was granted the same extension, but it is noted that its observations have since been filed. *Observations de la Défense sur le projet de plan de mise en œuvre des réparations ICC-01/12-01/15-265-Conf + Conf-AnxI soumis par le Fonds au profit des victimes*, 23 May 2018, ICC-01/12-01/15-268-Conf.

Judge further acknowledges that the LRV only received notification of the submission of the corrected version of the Draft Implementation Plan on 1 May 2018, while it was preparing its observations.

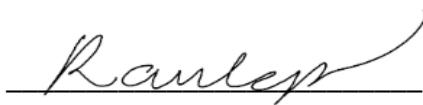
5. The Single Judge recognises that the request for an extension of seven days is limited in nature. The Single Judge considers that the factors above are sufficient to show good cause to extend the time limit under Regulation 35 and grant the LRV's Request.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

GRANTS the Request; and

SETS a deadline of 30 May 2018 for the LRV to submit its observations on the Draft Implementation Plan.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raul C. Pangalangan', written over a horizontal line.

Judge Raul C. Pangalangan, Single Judge

Dated 24 May 2018

At The Hague, The Netherlands