

ABOUT THE COURT

Established: By an international treaty (the Rome Statute), which entered into force on 1 July 2002.

States Parties: 122 countries are parties to the Rome Statute (effective as of 17 March 2019). Of these, 33 are from Africa, 18 from the Asia Pacific, 18 from Eastern Europe, 28 from Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as 25 from Western Europe and North America.

4 crimes within the Court's jurisdiction: The most serious crimes of concern to the international community, namely genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed after 1 July 2002, as well as the crime of aggression (as of 17 July 2018).

18 judges: Elected for 9 years by the Assembly of States Parties, and assigned into Pre-Trial, Trial and Appeals Chambers.

President: Judge Chile Eboe-Osui.

Prosecutor: Ms Fatou Bensouda.

Registrar: Mr Peter Lewis.

900 staff members: From approximately 100 States.

6 official languages: English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

2 working languages: English and French.

Headquarters: The Hague, The Netherlands.

External Representations: ICC Liaison Office to the United Nations in New York and 7 Country Offices: Kinshasa and Bunia (Democratic Republic of the Congo, "DRC"); Kampala (Uganda); Bangui (Central African Republic, "CAR"); Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire); Tbilisi (Georgia); and Bamako (Mali).

Programme budget for 2020: €149,205,600

INVESTIGATIONS AND CASES

13 investigations: The Office of the Prosecutor is investigating situations in Uganda, the DRC, CAR, CAR II, Darfur (Sudan), Kenya, Libya, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Georgia, Burundi, Bangladesh/Myanmar and Afghanistan.

9 preliminary examinations: The Office of the Prosecutor monitors the situations of Colombia, Guinea, Iraq, Nigeria, Palestine, the Philippines, Ukraine and Venezuela (I and II).

35 arrest warrants: 18 warrants have been implemented and 3 warrants were withdrawn following the death of the suspects.

28 cases have been brought before the Court.

9 summonses to appear: All 9 appeared voluntarily before the Court; they are not in custody.

6 persons in custody:

CAR II: Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaissona

DRC: Bosco Ntaganda

Mali: Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud

Uganda: Dominic Ongwen

Darfur (Sudan): Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman

At large: 14 suspects

The ICC relies on the cooperation of states and international organisations in the implementation of its arrest warrants.

CASE UPDATES

SITUATION IN UGANDA

5 warrants of arrest (2 withdrawn) • 1 accused in custody • 2 suspects at large • 2 cases

The situation was referred to the ICC by the Ugandan government in December 2003. The Prosecutor opened an investigation in July 2004.

THE PROSECUTOR V. JOSEPH KONY AND VINCENT OTTI (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

As top members of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), **Joseph Kony and Vincent Otti** are suspected of crimes against humanity and war crimes allegedly committed in Uganda since July 2002. The suspects are not in ICC custody. The case also involved Raska Lukwiya and Okot Odhiambo but proceedings were terminated due to their passing.

THE PROSECUTOR V. DOMINIC ONGWEN (TRIAL STAGE)

Dominic Ongwen, alleged Brigade Commander of the LRA's Sinia Brigade, is accused of war crimes (attack against the civilian population; murder and attempted murder; rape; sexual slavery; torture; cruel treatment; outrages upon personal dignity; destruction of property; pillaging; the conscription and use of children under the age of 15 to participate actively in hostilities) and crimes against humanity (murder and attempted murder; torture; sexual slavery; rape; enslavement; forced marriage as an inhumane act; persecution; and other inhumane acts) allegedly committed during attacks against the Pajule IDP (October 2003), Odek IDP (April 2004) Lukodi IDP (May 2004) and Abok IDP camps (June 2004) in northern Uganda. His trial opened on 6 December 2016 and closing arguments took place on 10-12 March 2020. Trial Chamber IX will pronounce its verdict within a reasonable period. Mr Ongwen is in the Court's custody.

SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)

7 warrants of arrest • 1 accused in custody • 1 suspect at large • 6 cases

The situation was referred to the ICC by the DRC government in April 2004. The Prosecutor opened an investigation in June 2004.

THE PROSECUTOR V. THOMAS LUBANGA DYILO (REPARATIONS STAGE)

Thomas Lubanga Dyilo was found guilty on 14 March 2012, as co-perpetrator, of committing the war crimes of the enlistment and conscription of children under the age of 15 into the *Force patriotiques pour la libération du Congo* and using them to participate actively in hostilities between September 2002 and August 2003. On 10 July 2012, he was sentenced to 14 years of imprisonment. The time spent in ICC custody was deducted. On 1 December 2014, the Appeals Chamber confirmed the verdict and sentence. On 7 August 2012, Trial Chamber I issued a decision on the principles and the process for reparations to victims. On 3 March 2015, the Appeals Chamber amended the Trial Chamber's order for reparations and instructed the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) to present a draft implementation plan for collective reparations to a newly constituted Chamber. The TFV presented the plan on 3 November 2015. On 9 February 2016, Trial Chamber II ordered the TFV to add information to the plan. On 21 October 2016, Trial Chamber II approved and ordered to start the implementation of a TFV plan for symbolic collective reparations. On 15 December 2017, Trial Chamber II set the amount of Mr Lubanga's liability for collective reparations at USD 10,000,000. This decision was confirmed in appeals on 18 July 2019. On 19 December 2015, Mr Lubanga was transferred to a DRC prison to serve his sentence.

THE PROSECUTOR V. GERMAIN KATANGA (REPARATIONS STAGE)

On 7 March 2014, **Germain Katanga** was found guilty as an accessory of one count of crime against humanity (murder) and four counts of war crimes (murder, attacking a civilian population, destruction of property and pillaging) committed on 24 February 2003 during an attack on the village of Bogoro, in Ituri (DRC). He was acquitted of the other charges. On 23 May 2014, Mr Katanga was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment. The time spent in ICC detention was deducted. On 25 June 2014, the Defence and the Prosecution discontinued their appeals against the judgment. On 13 November 2015, three Appeals Chamber judges reviewed Mr Katanga's sentence and reduced it. On 19 December 2015, Mr Katanga was transferred to a DRC prison to serve his sentence, which he completed on 18 January 2016. Mr Katanga remains in a DRC prison due to national proceedings for other alleged crimes. On 24 March 2017, Trial Chamber II awarded individual and collective reparations to the victims. Because of Mr Katanga's indigence, the TFV was invited to consider using its resources for the reparations and to present an implementation plan. On 8 March 2018, the Appeals Chamber confirmed, for the most part, the Reparations Order.

THE PROSECUTOR V. MATHIEU NGUDJOLO CHUI (ACQUITTAL FINAL)

Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui was acquitted, on 18 December 2012, of three counts of crimes against humanity and seven counts of war crimes allegedly committed on 24 February 2003 during an attack on the village of Bogoro, in Ituri (DRC). On 21 December 2012, he was released from custody. On 27 February 2015, the Appeals Chamber confirmed the acquittal.

THE PROSECUTOR V. BOSCO NTAGANDA (TRIAL STAGE)

On 8 July 2019, ICC Trial Chamber VI found **Bosco Ntaganda** guilty, beyond reasonable doubt, of 18 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity, committed in Ituri, DRC, in 2002-2003. On 7 November 2019, Bosco Ntaganda was sentenced to 30 years of imprisonment. The verdict and sentence are subject to appeals. Issues related to victims' reparations will be addressed in due course.

THE PROSECUTOR V. CALLIXTE MBARUSHIMANA (CHARGES DECLINED)

Callixte Mbarushimana, alleged Executive Secretary of the *Forces Démocratiques pour la Libération du Rwanda - Forces Combattantes Abacunguzi* (FDLR-FCA), was charged with five counts of crimes against humanity and six counts of war crimes allegedly committed in the Kivus in 2009. On 16 December 2011, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges against Mr Mbarushimana. On 23 December 2011, he was released from custody. On 30 May 2012, the decision was confirmed in appeals.

THE PROSECUTOR V. SYLVESTRE MUDACUMURA (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Sylvestre Mudacumura, alleged Supreme Commander of the FDLR-FCA, is charged with nine counts of war crimes allegedly committed from 20 January 2009 to the end of September 2010 in the Kivus. The suspect is not in the Court's custody.

SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN

7 warrants of arrest delivered • 3 summonses to appear • 1 suspect in custody • 4 suspects at large • 6 cases

The situation was referred to the ICC by the United Nations (UN) Security Council's resolution 1593 of 31 March 2005. The Prosecutor opened an investigation in June 2005.

THE PROSECUTOR V. ALI MUHAMMAD ALI ABD-AL-RAHMAN (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

The *first warrant of arrest* delivered on 27 April 2007 and the *second warrant* published on 11 June 2020 against Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman list 53 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in Darfur (Sudan). Mr Abd-Al-Rahman was transferred to the ICC's custody on 9 June 2020, after surrendering himself voluntarily in the Central African Republic. His initial appearance before the ICC took place on 15 June 2020. The opening of the confirmation of charges hearing is scheduled provisionally for 7 December 2020.

THE PROSECUTOR V. AHMAD MUHAMMAD HARUN ("AHMAD HARUN") (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Former Minister of State for the Interior **Ahmad Harun** is suspected of crimes against humanity and war crimes allegedly committed in Darfur, Sudan, in 2003 and 2004. The suspect is not in the Court's custody.

THE PROSECUTOR V. OMAR HASSAN AHMAD AL BASHIR (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Sudanese President **Omar Al Bashir** is charged with five counts of crimes against humanity (murder, extermination, forcible transfer, torture and rape), two counts of war crimes (intentionally directing attacks against a civilian population as such or against individual civilians not taking part in hostilities, and pillaging), and three counts of genocide allegedly committed against the Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa ethnic groups in Darfur, Sudan, from 2003 to 2008. The suspect is not in the Court's custody.

THE PROSECUTOR V. BAHAR IDRIS ABU GARDA (CHARGES DECLINED)

Bahar Idriss Abu Garda, chairman and general coordinator of military operations of the United Resistance Front, was charged with three counts of war crimes allegedly committed in an attack against the African Union Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan on 29 September 2007. On 8 February 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges due to insufficient evidence.

THE PROSECUTOR V. ABDALLAH BANDA ABAKAER NOURAIN (TRIAL STAGE)

Abdallah Banda faces three charges of war crimes (violence to life in the form of murder, whether committed or attempted; intentionally directing attacks against personnel, installations, material, units or vehicles involved in a peacekeeping mission; and pillaging) allegedly committed in an attack carried out on 29 September 2007 against the AU Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan. The case initially involved **Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus** but proceedings against him were terminated on 4 October 2013 due to his passing. On 11 September 2014, Trial Chamber IV issued an arrest warrant against **Abdallah Banda**. The Chamber also vacated the trial date and directed the Registry to transmit the requests for arrest and surrender to any State on whose territory Mr Banda may be found. On 3 March 2015, Mr Banda's appeal against the decision replacing the summons by an arrest warrant was rejected.

THE PROSECUTOR V. ABDEL RAHEEM MUHAMMAD HUSSEIN (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Abdel Raheem Muhammad Hussein, current Minister of Sudan National Defence and former Minister of the Interior and former Sudanese President's Special Representative in Darfur, is charged with seven counts of crimes against humanity (persecution, murder, forcible transfer, rape, inhumane acts, imprisonment or severe deprivation of liberty and torture) and six counts of war crimes (murder, attacks against civilian population, destruction of property, rape, pillaging and outrage upon personal dignity) allegedly committed in Darfur, Sudan, from 2002 on. The suspect is not in the Court's custody.

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

2 warrants of arrest • 0 accused in custody • 0 suspects at large • 2 cases

The situation was referred to the ICC by the CAR government in December 2004. The Prosecutor opened an investigation in May 2007.

THE PROSECUTOR V. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO (CASE CLOSED)

On 8 June 2018, the Appeals Chamber decided, by majority, to acquit **Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo**, alleged President and Commander-in-chief of the *Mouvement de libération du Congo* [Movement for the Liberation of Congo] (MLC), from the charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in CAR from on or about 26 October 2002 to 15 March 2003. The Chamber indicated that there was no reason to continue Mr Bemba's detention in this case.

THE PROSECUTOR V. JEAN-PIERRE BEMBA GOMBO, AIMÉ KILOLO MUSAMBA, JEAN-JACQUES MANGENDA KABONGO, FIDÈLE BABALA WANDU AND NARCISSE ARIDO (APPEALS STAGE)

On 19 October 2016, **Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo**, **Aimé Kilolo Musamba**, **Jean-Jacques Mangenda Kabongo**, **Fidèle Babala Wandu** and **Narcisse Arido** were found guilty of offences against the administration of justice related to intentionally corruptly influencing witnesses and soliciting false testimonies of defence witnesses in the other ICC case against Mr Bemba. On 22 March 2017, Trial Chamber VII delivered the sentences. On 8 March 2018, the Appeals Chamber confirmed the convictions for most of the charges. But it acquitted Mr Bemba, Mr Kilolo and Mr Mangenda of the charge of presenting evidence that a party knows is false or forged. The convictions and acquittals in relation to the five accused are now final. As for the sentences, the Appeals Chamber rejected the appeals of Mr Bemba, Mr Babala and Mr Arido; the sentences imposed on Mr Babala and Mr Arido are now final. But the Appeals Chamber reversed the sentences of Mr Bemba, Mr Mangenda and Mr Kilolo and remanded the matter to the Trial Chamber for a new determination, which was made on 17 September 2018. On 12 June 2018, Trial Chamber VII ordered interim release under specific conditions for Mr Bemba. Imprisonment sentences were served.

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

2 warrants of arrest • 2 suspects in custody • 0 suspects at large • 1 case

On 30 May 2014, the Prosecutor received a referral from the Central African authorities regarding crimes allegedly committed in CAR since 1 August 2012. On 24 September 2014, the Prosecutor opened a second investigation in CAR regarding crimes allegedly committed since 2012.

THE PROSECUTOR V. ALFRED YEKATOM AND PATRICE-EDOUARD NGAÏSSONA (TRIAL STAGE)

On 11 December 2019, Pre-Trial Chamber II partially confirmed the charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity brought by the Prosecutor against **Alfred Yekatom** and **Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona** and committed them to trial. The redacted version of this decision was published on 20 December 2019. The case is assigned to Trial Chamber V, which will hold status conferences, confer with the parties and participants in order to set the date of the trial and adopt the procedures necessary to facilitate the fair and expeditious conduct of the proceedings. The suspects are in ICC's custody.

SITUATION IN KENYA

6 summonses to appear • 2 arrest warrants • 0 accused in custody • 3 suspects at large • 4 cases

On 31 March 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber II authorised the Prosecutor to open an investigation in the situation in the Republic of Kenya, in relation to the 2007-2008 post-election violence in that country.

THE PROSECUTOR V. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO AND JOSHUA ARAP SANG (CASE TERMINATED)

William Samoei Ruto and **Joshua Arap Sang** faced three counts of crimes against humanity allegedly committed in the context of the 2007-2008 post-election violence in Kenya. On 5 April 2016, Trial Chamber V(A) terminated the case against them.

THE PROSECUTOR V. UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA (CHARGES WITHDRAWN)

Uhuru Kenyatta faced five counts of crimes against humanity allegedly committed in the context of the 2007-2008 post-election violence in Kenya. On 13 March 2015, Trial Chamber V(B) terminated the proceedings in the case and vacated the summons to appear against Mr Kenyatta.

THE PROSECUTOR V. WALTER OSAPIRI BARASA (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Walter Osapiri Barasa is charged with three counts of offences against the administration of justice, namely corruptly influencing, or attempting to, corruptly influencing three ICC witnesses. The suspect is not in the Court's custody.

THE PROSECUTOR V. PAUL GICHERU AND PHILIP KIPKOECH BETT (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Paul Gicheru, a lawyer based in Kenya, and **Philip Kipkoech Bett**, also known as "Kipseng'erya", from Kenya, are suspected of offences against the administration of justice, namely corruptly influencing Prosecution witnesses. The two suspects are not in the Court's custody.

SITUATION IN LIBYA

5 warrants of arrest (1 withdrawn) • 0 accused in custody • 3 suspects not in ICC custody • 3 cases

On 26 February 2011, the UN Security Council decided unanimously in its resolution 1970 to refer the situation in the Libya since 15 February 2011 to the ICC. On 3 March 2011, the ICC Prosecutor opened an investigation in the Libya situation.

THE PROSECUTOR V. SAIF AL-ISLAM GADDAFI (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi is charged with two counts of crimes against humanity (murder and persecution) allegedly committed across Libya from 15 until at least 28 February 2011. On 31 May 2013, Pre-Trial Chamber I rejected Libya's challenge to the case's admissibility and reminded Libya of its obligation to surrender Mr Gaddafi to the ICC. On 21 May 2014, the Appeals Chamber confirmed this decision. The suspect is not in the Court's custody. An arrest warrant was also issued

against **Abdullah Al-Senussi**, but, on 11 October 2013, Pre-Trial Chamber I decided this case was inadmissible before the ICC as it was subject to domestic proceedings by the competent Libyan authorities and Libya was willing and able to genuinely carry out this investigation. On 24 July 2014, the Appeals Chamber confirmed this decision and ICC proceedings against Mr Al-Senussi ended. An arrest warrant was also issued for **Muammar Mohammed Abu Minyar Gaddafi** but his case was terminated on 22 November 2011, due to his passing.

THE PROSECUTOR V. AL-TUHAMY MOHAMED KHALED (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Al-Tuhamy Mohamed Khaled is charged with four crimes against humanity (imprisonment, torture, persecution, and other inhumane acts) allegedly committed in Libya from 15 February 2011 until 24 August 2011, and with three war crimes (torture, cruel treatment and outrages upon personal dignity) allegedly committed in Libya from at least early March 2011 to 24 August 2011. He is not in the Court's custody.

THE PROSECUTOR V MAHMOUD MUSTAFA BUSYF AL-WERFALLI (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Mahmoud Mustafa Busayf Al-Werfalli is charged with the commission of murder as a war crime in the context of seven incidents, involving 33 persons, which took place from on or before 3 June 2016 until on or about 17 July 2017 in Benghazi or surrounding areas, in Libya. He is not in the Court's custody.

SITUATION IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

3 warrants of arrest • 0 persons in custody • 1 suspect not in ICC custody • 2 cases

On 3 October 2011, Pre-Trial Chamber III authorised the Prosecutor to open investigations regarding Côte d'Ivoire with respect to alleged crimes within the Court's jurisdiction, committed since 28 November 2010, and regarding crimes that may be committed in the future in this situation. On 22 February 2012, the Chamber expanded its authorisation to include crimes within the ICC's jurisdiction allegedly committed between 19 September 2002 and 28 November 2010. Côte d'Ivoire accepted ICC's jurisdiction on 18 April 2003. This was reconfirmed by the Ivoirian Presidency on 14 December 2010 and 3 May 2011. On 15 February 2013, Côte d'Ivoire ratified the Rome Statute.

THE PROSECUTOR V. LAURENT GBAGBO AND CHARLES BLÉ GOUDÉ (APPEALS STAGE)

Laurent Gbagbo and Charles Blé Goudé were accused of four counts of crimes against humanity allegedly committed in Côte d'Ivoire in 2010 and 2011. On 15 January 2019, Trial Chamber I, by majority, acquitted Mr Gbagbo and Mr Blé Goudé from all charges of crimes against humanity, considering that the Prosecutor had failed to submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate their responsibility for the incidents. On 16 July 2019, Trial Chamber I issued the full reasons for its decision. On 16 September 2019, the Prosecution filed a notice of appeal. On 1 February 2019, the Appeals Chamber set conditions to be imposed on Mr Gbagbo and Mr Blé Goudé upon their release to a State willing to accept them on its territory and willing and able to enforce the conditions set by the Chamber. Mr Gbagbo and Mr Blé Goudé are not in the ICC detention centre anymore as an interim measure following their release with conditions during the appeals stage.

THE PROSECUTOR V. SIMONE GBAGBO (PRE-TRIAL STAGE)

Simone Gbagbo is charged with four charges of crimes against humanity (murder, rape and other sexual violence, persecution, and other inhuman acts) allegedly committed in the context of post-electoral violence in Côte d'Ivoire between 16 December 2010 and 12 April 2011. On 11 December 2014, Pre-Trial Chamber I rejected the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire's challenge to the admissibility of the case and reminded Côte d'Ivoire of its obligation to surrender Mrs Gbagbo to the ICC. On 27 May 2015, the Appeals Chamber confirmed this decision. The suspect is not in ICC custody.

SITUATION IN MALI

2 warrants of arrest • 1 suspect in custody • 2 cases

The situation in Mali was referred to the ICC by the Government of Mali on 13 July 2012. On 16 January 2013, the Prosecutor opened an investigation into alleged crimes committed on the territory of Mali since January 2012.

THE PROSECUTOR V. AHMAD AL FAQI AL MAHDI (REPARATIONS STAGE)

The trial of **Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi** took place on 22-24 August 2016, during which Mr Al Mahdi made an admission of guilt. On 27 September 2016, Mr Al Mahdi was found guilty as a co-perpetrator of the war crime consisting in intentionally directing attacks against religious and historic buildings in Timbuktu, Mali, in June and July 2012. He was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment. The time spent in detention was deducted. On 17 August 2017, Trial Chamber VIII issued its Order for Reparations to victims. On 8 March 2018, the Appeals Chamber confirmed, for the most extent, this Reparations Order. On 29 August 2018, Mr Al Mahdi was transferred to Scotland, United Kingdom, to serve his sentence of imprisonment

THE PROSECUTOR V. AL HASSAN AG ABDOUL AZIZ AG MOHAMED AG MAHMOUD (TRIAL STAGE)

On 30 September 2019, Pre-Trial Chamber I issued a confidential decision confirming the charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity against **Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud**, allegedly committed in 2012 and 2013 in Timbuktu, Mali. The redacted version was published on 13 November 2019. The opening of the trial is scheduled for 14 July 2020. Mr Al Hassan is in ICC custody.

SITUATION IN GEORGIA

On 27 January 2016, Pre-Trial Chamber I authorised the Prosecutor to proceed with an investigation for the crimes within the ICC jurisdiction, allegedly committed in and around South Ossetia, Georgia, between 1 July and 10 October 2008.

SITUATION IN BURUNDI

On 25 October 2017, Pre-Trial Chamber III authorised the Prosecutor to open an investigation regarding crimes within the ICC jurisdiction allegedly committed in Burundi or by nationals of Burundi outside Burundi since 26 April 2015 until 26 October 2017. The Prosecutor is authorised to extend her investigation to crimes committed before 26 April 2015 or after 26 October 2017 if certain legal requirements are met.

SITUATION IN BANGLADESH/MYANMAR

On 14 November 2019, Pre-Trial Chamber III authorised the Prosecutor to proceed with an investigation for alleged crimes within the ICC's jurisdiction in the Situation in the People's Republic of Bangladesh/Republic of the Union of Myanmar. This authorisation follows the Prosecutor's request submitted on 4 July 2019.

SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

On 5 March 2020, the Appeals Chamber authorised the Prosecutor to open an investigation into alleged crimes under the ICC's jurisdiction in the situation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The Prosecutor is authorised to investigate, within the parameters identified in the Prosecutor's request of 20 November 2017, the crimes alleged to have been committed on the territory of Afghanistan since 1 May 2003, as well as other alleged crimes that have a nexus to the armed conflict in Afghanistan and are sufficiently linked to the situation in Afghanistan and were committed on the territory of other States Parties to the Rome Statute since 1 July 2002.

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