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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: **Judge Nicolas Guillou, Presiding Judge**
 Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou
 Judge Beti Hohler

SITUATION IN THE STATE OF PALESTINE

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Decision on the State of Israel's request for an extension of the page and time limits

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

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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I (the ‘Chamber’) of the International Criminal Court (the ‘Court’) hereby issues this decision granting the State of Israel (‘Israel’) an extension of pages and addition of time to reply to the observations submitted in the context of its jurisdictional challenge.

1. On 28 May 2025, the Chamber issued the ‘Decision on the conduct of proceedings and other procedural matters related to “Israel’s challenge to the jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to article 19(2) of the Rome Statute”’ inviting Israel to reply to the observations by the Prosecution, State of Palestine (‘Palestine’) and certain victims by no later than 11 July 2025.¹

2. On 25 and 27 June 2025, the aforementioned observations were received and subsequently filed into the record.

3. On 30 June 2025, Israel requested an extension of page and time limit to the Chamber (the ‘Request’).²

4. On 2 July 2025, the Prosecution submitted a response to the Request.³

5. Israel argues that due to the complexity and novelty of the legal issues to address and the length of the observations by the Prosecution, Palestine, and those filed on behalf of victims, an extension of the time limit to 1 August 2025 and of the page limit to 60 pages is warranted.⁴

6. In case of a request for an extension of time limit filed before the lapse of the original time limit, the Chamber ‘may extend [...the] time limit if good cause is shown’.⁵ Under regulation 37(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the ‘Regulations’), a participant may request the extension of a page limit ‘in exceptional circumstances’.

7. The Chamber is persuaded that the complexity of the legal issues at stake and the number and combined length of the observations received amount to ‘exceptional

¹ ICC-01/18-435.

² Request for extension of pages and extension of time for Consolidated Reply to Observations on Israel’s Article 19(2) Jurisdictional Challenge, ICC-01/18-453.

³ Prosecution’s Response to Israel’s “Request for extension of pages and extension of time for consolidated reply to observations on Israel’s Article 19(2) Jurisdictional Challenge”, ICC-01/18-454.

⁴ Request, paras 21-29.

⁵ Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court.

circumstances' within the meaning of regulation 37(2) of the Regulations, warranting an extension of the standard page limit of 20 pages. However, it does not consider that this extension needs to amount to 40 additional pages as requested. The Chamber further considers that Israel has shown good cause, within the meaning of regulation 35(2) of the Regulations, to extend the time limit for replying to the various observations. The Chamber grants the extension of time limit as requested and considers that a limited extension of page limit is warranted and, therefore, it grants partially this part of the request.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

GRANTS the Request in part;

SETS the time limit for Israel's reply to 1 August 2025;

SETS the page limit for Israel's reply at 40 pages.

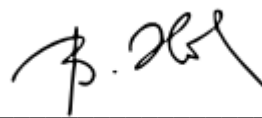
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Judge Nicolas Guillou
Presiding Judge



**Judge Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-
Gansou**



Judge Beti Hohler

Dated this Thursday, 3 July 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands