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**International
Criminal
Court**



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No.: **ICC-01/12-01/18**
Date: **4 December 2024**

THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, Acting President
Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou, Acting First Vice-President
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza, Acting Second Vice-President

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR v. AL HASSAN AG ABDOUL AZIZ AG MOHAMED AG
MAHMOUD

Public, with two public annexes

Decision Replacing a Judge in Trial Chamber X

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

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Trial Chamber X

1. The *ad hoc* Presidency of the International Criminal Court (the ‘Court’) takes note of the Trial Judgment in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud* (the ‘*Al Hassan case*’) dated 26 June 2024,¹ in which Mr Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud was convicted, by majority, under eight counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes,² as well as of the Sentencing Judgement dated 20 November 2024, by which Mr Al Hassan was sentenced to ten years’ imprisonment.³
2. On 22 November 2024, Judge Tomoko Akane of Trial Chamber X transmitted to her fellow members of the Presidency a request to be excused from that Chamber pursuant to article 41(1) of the Rome Statute and rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the ‘Rules’), on workload grounds (‘Request for Excusal’).⁴ An *ad hoc* Presidency, consisting of Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou and Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza, considered the Request for Excusal and granted it on 4 December 2024.⁵
3. The *ad hoc* Presidency notes that rule 38 of the Rules provides for the replacement of judges for objective and justified reasons and that, pursuant to regulation 15 of the Regulations of the Court, the Presidency is responsible for the replacement of judges.
4. The *ad hoc* Presidency hereby decides that Judge Akane will be replaced in Trial Chamber X by Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera, taking into account both the availability and seniority of judges, noting also her experience in reparations proceedings at the Court.

¹ Trial Chamber X, *The Prosecutor v. Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud*, [Trial Judgment](#), 26 June 2024, ICC-01/12-01/18-2594-Red (the ‘Trial Judgment’).

² [Trial Judgment](#), para. 1785.

³ Trial Chamber X, *The Prosecutor v. Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud*, [Sentencing Judgment](#), 20 November 2024, ICC-01/12-01/18-2662, para. 134, p. 68.

⁴ Annex 1.

⁵ Annex 2.

5. Trial Chamber X shall henceforth be composed as follows:

Judge Kimberly Prost

Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera

Judge Keebong Paek.

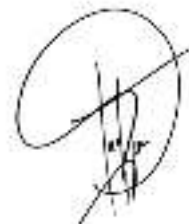
Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala
Acting President



Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou
Acting First Vice-President



Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza
Acting Second Vice-President

Dated this 4 December 2024

At The Hague, The Netherlands