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# Registry's second quarterly report on monitoring and assessing the implementation performance of legal aid\*

#### I. Introduction

- 1. The Registrar, noting the *Registry's First Quarterly Report on monitoring and assessing the implementation performance of legal aid* ("First Quarterly Report"), presents this second quarterly report pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/11/Res.1 ("Second Quarterly Report"). In accordance with the said resolution, the Registry informs the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties ("Bureau") of its continuous monitoring, assessment and implementation of the performance, *inter alia*, of:
- (a) the revised legal aid scheme as adopted by the Decision of the Bureau on legal aid dated 22 March 2012 ("Decision of the Bureau");<sup>3</sup> and
- (b) the proposals adopted from the "Supplementary report of the Registry on four aspects of the Court's legal aid system" ("Supplementary Report")<sup>4</sup> with regard to three (3) aspects, namely: (A) remuneration in the case of multiple mandates; (B) legal aid expense policy; and (C) remuneration during phases of reduced activity.
- 2. This Second Quarterly Report on the assessment and implementation of the Decision of the Bureau and the Supplementary Report covers the following timeframe: 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013.

### II. Implementation of the decision of the Bureau on legal aid

Reporting period: 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013

3. At the outset, the Registry informs the Bureau of the surrender and transfer of an individual subject to an outstanding warrant of arrest during the reporting period.<sup>5</sup> In keeping with his statutory rights, the suspect in question requested legal assistance to be paid by the Court on 4 April 2013. The Registrar rendered a provisional decision on the suspect's indigence dated 12 April 2013<sup>6</sup> in accordance with regulation 85.1 of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC") and regulation 132.3 of the Regulations of the Registry

<sup>\*</sup> Previously issued as CBF/21/2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ICC-ASP/12/2 dated 4 June 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Eleventh session, The Hague, 14-22 November 2012 (ICC-ASP/11/20), vol. I, part III.A, ICC-ASP/11/Res.1, section H., paras. 3-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ICC-ASP/11/2/Add.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Supplementary report of the Registry on four aspects of the Court's legal aid system (ICC-ASP/11/43), dated 1 November 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda, Case no. ICC-01/04-02/06.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Ibid*, « Enregistrement de la "Décision du Greffier sur la demande d'aide judiciaire aux frais de la Cour déposée par M. Bosco Ntaganda" » Doc. no. ICC-01/04-02/06-48, 12 April 2013.

("RoR"). The suspect appointed Counsel to represent him in proceedings before the Court and the Registry formalized the appointment on 26 April 2013. A core legal team, based on the pre-trial phase of the proceedings, has since been constituted to ensure the suspect's legal representation. As a result of these developments, additional charges to the Court's legal aid budget have crystalized as of 12 April 2013. The Registry has submitted the requisite Contingency Fund notification to provide for these unforeseen legal aid costs in the 2013 fiscal year.

- 4. In addition to the above, a further development with cost consequences for the Court's legal aid budget in 2013 is worth noting. In the reporting period, the decision of Pre-Trial Chamber I,<sup>7</sup> dated 17 April 2013 in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi et al.*, granted Principal Counsel of the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence's ("OPCD") request to withdraw from the legal representation of the suspect, Mr. Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi, appointing an external Counsel to assume the legal representation pursuant to regulation 76.1 of the RoC. In response to a request by Counsel for legal assistance paid by the Court, the Registry rendered a decision provisionally accepting to cover the costs of the legal representation in accordance with the specific parameters as set by the Court's legal aid system. The appointed Counsel is now seeking judicial review of the Registry's decision before the Chamber, requesting additional resources to constitute a legal team. These developments have resulted in additional costs to the Court's 2013 legal aid budget. Depending on the Chamber's decision in response to the Counsel's judicial review application, higher costs may be incurred by the Court's legal aid budget
- 5. Therefore, during the reporting period, in addition to the five (5) cases for which the Decision of the Bureau is currently applicable, the Registry has also implemented the Decision of the Bureau and the Supplementary Report as applicable to new cases mentioned above, and as elaborated below.

#### A. Implementation of appendix I, part C, revised fees

6. The Decision of the Bureau stipulates that, as of 1 April 2012, the revised remuneration system shall have immediate effect with respect to the following situations under the legal aid system:

#### 1. Teams appointed after 1 April 2012 (in the reporting period)

7. The Registry reports that the implementation of this aspect of the Decision of the Bureau to the newly established defence team constituted during the course of this reporting period operating in the pre-trial phase of the proceedings in the Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ("DRC"), 9 resulted in cost savings as outlined in Table 1 below.

<sup>9</sup> Idem.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Prosecutor v. Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi and Abdullah Al-Senussi, "Decision on the Request to Withdraw", Doc. no. ICC-01/11-01/11-311, 17 April 2013.

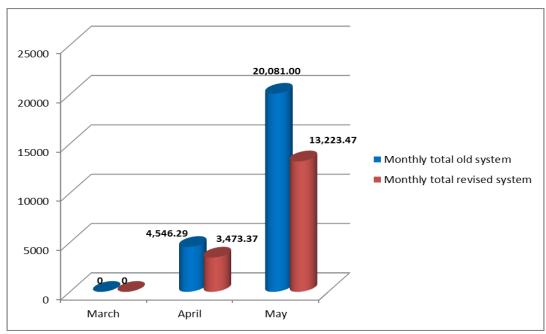
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The five (5) situations, largely reported in the First Quarterly Report, *supra*, note 1, are the three (3) legal representatives for victim's teams; two (2) of which intervene in the Kenya Situation, and third intervening in the Situation in Côte d'Ivoire; and two (2) defence teams, one (1) in the Kenya Situation and the other, in Situation in Côte d'Ivoire.

Table 1: Total monthly remuneration for a core defence team composition during the pre-trial phase, excluding professional charges

	-			Actual payments for April	Actual payments for May
Defence team operating in the Situation of DRC	Generic monthly remuneration scales under the old system (& euros)	Generic monthly remuneration scales under the revised system (E euros)	Actual payments for <u>March</u> (€ euros)	Pro-rated in accordance with the start date of each team member (€ euros)	Pro-rated in accordance with the start date of each team member (€ euros)
Counsel	10,832.00	8,221.00	N/A	3,023.81	8,221.00
Legal Assistant	6,113.00	4,889.00	N/A	449.56	2,444.50
Case Manager	4, 872.00	3,974.00	N/AA	N/A	2,557.97,
Monthly total cost to the legal aid system	21,817.00	17,084.00	N/A	3,473.37	13,223.47
Total savings per month		€4,733.00		€7,932.45	
Total savings per quarter (3 months)		€14,199.00		€23,791.35*	

<sup>\*</sup> Caveat lector: The savings reflect the amount of fees calculated on a pro-rated basis to take into account the actual start dates of the team members appointed during the course of the months of April and May, respectively, subtracted from the higher pro-rated figures that would have been applicable under the old remuneration system. Henceforth, payment of fees in the case will reflect the full month's remuneration amounts payable under the revised remuneration scheme.

Table 2: Visualization of savings (in € euros) in the reporting period as acquired from the application of remuneration scales under the revised system as against the old system\*



<sup>\*</sup> Caveat lector: The savings reflect the amount of fees calculated on a pro-rated basis to take into account the actual start dates of the team members appointed during the course of the months of April and May, respectively, subtracted from the higher pro-rated figures that would have been applicable under the old remuneration system. Henceforth, payment of fees in the case will reflect the full month's remuneration amounts payable under the revised remuneration scheme.

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#### 2. Changes in legal teams

8. The second aspect of Appendix I, Part C, invites the Court to implement any changes in legal teams during any stage of proceedings, either as a result of the replacement of individual members or of whole teams, as well as in the event of the appointment of additional teams. The Registry refers to the two (2) scenarios that fall within these categories as detailed in the First Quarterly Report, 10 and the continuous savings generated from the application of the new amendments 11 to them, as elaborated in Table 3 below during the course of the reporting period.

Table 3: Implementation of the revised system to changes in legal teams

The Situation in Côte d'Ivoire – Triggered in June 2012	Previous remuneration scales Revised $(\mathcal{E} \text{ euros})$ $(\mathcal{E} \text{ euros})$	remuneration scales
Legal Assistant (victims' team)	6,113.00	4,889.00
Legal Assistant (defence team)	6,113.00	4,889.00
Monthly total cost to the legal aid budget	12,226.00	9,778.00
Total savings from 1 March to 31 May 2013		€7,344.00

#### 3. Changes to a legal team during this quarter

- 9. As stated above, pursuant to the 17 April 2013 decision of the Chamber, <sup>12</sup> Counsel from the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence no longer represent the suspect, Mr. Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi, and an external Counsel has been appointed to assume his legal representation until the suspect exercises his right to freely choose Counsel under article 67(1)(d) of the Rome Statute ("Statute"), or until the definitive disposal of proceedings related to the admissibility challenge, at which point the question of Mr. Gaddafi's legal representation will be revisited by the Chamber. <sup>13</sup> The question of legal assistance to be paid by the Court, raised by the OPCD in its initial request, was left to the Registry to determine, by the Chamber. <sup>14</sup>
- 10. Given the specific circumstances of Mr. Gaddafi and his detention in Libya, no formal request for legal assistance paid by the Court has been made by him personally. Accordingly, the Registrar has been unable to make a conclusive determination on the suspect's means in accordance with regulation 84 of the RoC. The Registry however notes the special circumstances of the case, in particular the fact that Mr. Gaddafi remains *incommunicado* and that his assets are subject to freezing orders in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolutions issued in 2011 (S/RES/1970, S/RES/1973, and S/RES/2009), amongst other legal instruments, making the determination of his means a practical challenge. In practical terms, the suspect is not easily reachable, and in any event, due to the freezing orders, does not at the present have the power to freely dispose of his means. The same rationale was adopted by the Court in *Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, <sup>15</sup> where funds were advanced and guidelines were adopted for the adequate monitoring and recovery of the suspects' assets.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Both scenarios intervened in the situation of Côte d'Ivoire, where the revised fee system was applied to one (1) Legal Assistant appointed in June 2012 in the context of legal representation of victims; and, the other one (1) in response to a Defence team's successful application for additional means under regulation 83(3) of the RoC dated 6 June 2012.

The cost savings for March and April 2013 amount to €2,448.00 for each scenario.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Supra, note 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, Doc. no. ICC-01/05 -01/08-1007-Red.

- 11. In the case at hand, in the interests of and for the proper administration of justice and to ensure that the rights of Mr. Gaddafi to legal representation as a suspect implicated in the Court's proceedings are safeguarded in accordance with the Statute and applicable legal texts of the Court, the Registry exceptionally decided to provisionally assume the costs of Mr. Gaddafi's legal representation until such time an assessment of his disposable means has been conducted and a decision on his indigence can be rendered.
- 12. Further, the Registry reports that in the event Mr. Gaddafi is ultimately found not to be indigent, the same regime applied in case of *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*<sup>16</sup> shall be implemented for the purposes of the recovery of funds.
- 13. The remuneration scheme of the Decision of the Bureau is therefore applicable to the provisional decision granting legal assistance paid by the Court to Mr. Gaddafi. As the latter's Counsel was appointed by the Chamber pursuant to regulation 76 of the RoC, in accordance with the Court's legal aid system, he's remunerated on an hourly basis for work undertaken up to a maximum monthly cap of  $\epsilon$ 8,221.00 (revised fees), calculated according to the applicable rates of  $\epsilon$ 86.53 per hour and  $\epsilon$ 649.00 per day. The Registry is closely monitoring the cost implications arising from the said Decision of the Chamber and will continue to report on the implementation of the Decision of the Bureau to this new development. In this regard, the Registry reiterates that the appointed Counsel has moved pursuant to regulation 83.4 of the RoC to have a decision of the Registrar refusing to grant him additional resources under the Court's legal aid system reviewed by the Chamber.
- 14. As stated earlier in this report, depending on the Chamber's decision in response to the Counsel's judicial review application, higher costs to the Court's legal aid budget may be expected.

#### B. Implementation of appendix I, Part D, deferred implementation of revised fees

- 15. In accordance with Part A, paragraph 1 of Appendix I of the Decision of the Bureau, "... [t]he revised system of remuneration will apply to those teams whose case progresses to the confirmation of charges hearing or the hearing of the trial. Any new teams or changes thereof will be subject to the immediate implementation of the revised system of remuneration." Part D, paragraph 5 of appendix I of that Decision emphasised that: "[w]ith respect to teams, which as of 1 April 2012, are allocated to a case where the hearing of the trial has not yet commenced, the revised fees will only apply once the hearing of the trial has started. Up until such time the hearing of the trial has not commenced, the teams in such a case will be subject to the existing remuneration regime of the Court."
- 16. As detailed in the First Quarterly Report, those specific aspects of the Decision of the Bureau were implemented in the Situation in Kenya in respect of one defence team and two common legal representatives for victims' teams<sup>17</sup> as shown in Table 4 below:

**Table 4: Progression to Trial Phase** 

Legal teams operating in the Situation of Kenya – triggered in June 2012	Previous remuneration scales (€ euros)	Revised remuneration scales $(\mathcal{E} \text{ euros})$
Defence team	30,782.00	24,040.00
Two victim's teams	31,408.00	24,390.00
Total monthly savings		7,018.00 (Victims teams)
		6,742.00 (Defence team)
Total savings from		€21,054.00 (Victims teams)
1 March to 31 May 201		€20,226.00 (Defence team)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, Case no. ICC-01/05-01/08.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> For the defence team, implementation in 2012 resulted in savings of approximately €61,257.00. The cost savings arising out of implementation of this aspect in respect of the defence team in question for January and February 2013 amount to approximately €13,466.00. For the two common legal representatives of victims' teams, total savings for 2012 amounted to approximately €66,626.00. In addition, implementation of the revised system generated savings of €7,018.00 for January and February 2013.

17. During the course of the reporting period, no new team has progressed to the confirmation of charges hearing or the hearing of the trial; accordingly there is no additional information to report on this specific aspect of the Decision of the Bureau.

#### C. Implementation of Appendix I, Part E, gradual implementation of revised fees

- 18. Pursuant to the Decision of the Bureau, with respect to teams that, as of 1 April 2012, are assigned to cases where the trial is on-going, the existing remuneration regime of the Court will apply until such time as proceedings before the Trial Chamber have been completed and the case is before the Appeals Chamber. Once proceedings before the Appeals Chamber commence, transitional remuneration arrangements as set out in Appendix I, Part E to the Decision of the Bureau will apply.
- 19. As noted in the First Quarterly Report, only one (1) defence team in the Situation of the DRC Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui's defence is currently subject to the first 'segment A' fee schedule as set for the gradual implementation of revised fees in proceedings before the Appeals Chamber. The Registry has undertaken the necessary steps and notified the team of the implementation of Appendix I, Part E of the Decision of the Bureau and is currently in consultation with the Presidency on the estimated length of the case before the Appeals Chamber prior to implementing the gradual remuneration schemes established in the Decision of the Bureau. This determination should be settled shortly.
- 20. Consequently, while the implementation of the Decision of the Bureau with respect to this specific aspect has resulted in no savings at this stage, the Registry anticipates that depending on the results of the on-going consultation with the Presidency, savings shall eventually be made as the team progresses to segments B and C in the payment schedule established for proceedings before the Appeals Chamber. The Registry will continue to assiduously monitor this situation and any savings will be reported in future quarterly reports.

## D. Implementation of the revised scheme for compensation for professional charges

- 21. As noted by the Decision of the Bureau, the fees of defence and victims' team members were calculated on the basis of a gross rate under the then applicable "Report on the operation of the Court's legal aid system and proposals for its amendments," (ICC-ASP/6/4), also known as "the Adjustments [Report]." Furthermore, while working at the Court, team members operating a professional practice, alone or in association with others, received an additional amount, above and beyond fees, to compensate for professional charges, which was paid subject to certain conditions and up to a maximum of 40 per cent of fees. The Decision of the Bureau established net monthly payments for team members and decided to continue to pay a specific percentage of professional charges and extend this to eligible Counsel, associate Counsel, duty and *ad hoc* Counsel, as well as to legal assistants and case managers. Under the revised system, Counsel and Associate Counsel may receive up to a maximum of 30 per cent of their fees in respect of compensation for professional charges actually incurred, while legal assistants and case managers may receive up to a maximum of 15 per cent of their fees.
- 22. During the reporting period, the Registry received one request for compensation for professional charges from a Common Legal Representative in the Kenya Situation operating under the revised system, who is eligible to receive up to a maximum of 30 per cent of fees payable under the Court's legal aid system as compensation for professional charges. As noted in the Decision of the Bureau and the First Quarterly Report, these entitlements are not automatic and will only be paid once the Registry has fully reviewed the request and supporting documentation, and confirms that compensation is payable on actual costs incurred. The Registry is currently in the process of assessing this request and in future reports will provide an update on this matter, including comparative figures for compensation paid and savings generated in the implementation of the new system as compared to its predecessor.
- 23. The Registry recalls its observations as contained in paragraph 14 of the First Quarterly Report; more specifically that the new scheme of reimbursement of compensation

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for professional charges at year-end is currently implemented by the Registry for all new victims and defence teams operating under the revised scheme. In this regard, it is to be noted that in the reporting period, two (2) new cases<sup>18</sup> have been added to the existing list falling under the new scheme for compensation for professional charges. As stated previously, compensation for professional charges will be reviewed and granted, when justified, in response to specific requests by eligible team members and, in any event, payment will only be effected at year's end. In future reports, the Registry will provide an update on this aspect of the Decision of the Bureau, including comparative figures for compensation paid and savings generated as against the old system.

#### III. Implementation of the Supplementary Report

Reporting period: 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013

- 24. As noted in the introductory note above, the Assembly equally tasked the Court to include in its quarterly reports, the Court's assessment of the implementation performance of the changes arising from the Supplementary Report. The Registry continues to implement the adopted aspects of the Supplementary Report on the following matters:
  - a) Remuneration in the case of several mandates for legal team members;
  - b) Legal aid travel policy, and
  - c) Remuneration during phases in which activities are considerably reduced.
- 25. The Registry is pleased to provide the following observations in response the implementation of these aspects of the Supplementary Report.

#### A. Remuneration in the case of multiple mandates

- 26. This aspect of the Supplementary Report was triggered during the reporting period in two instances. First, when a defence Counsel<sup>20</sup> requested the Registry to formalize the appointment of a team member already intervening as a Legal Assistant in a defence team benefiting from the Court's legal aid scheme to simultaneously intervene in the same capacity in a second team, also receiving legal aid funds. The second triggering event was when a duty Counsel assisting persons testifying under Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence was appointed in the same capacity to simultaneously assume a second mandate.<sup>21</sup>
- 27. In response to the first triggering event, the Registry fully implemented the policy dealing with instances of multiple mandates, by first conducting its due diligence obligations the "vetting process" referred to in the Supplementary Report (at para. 12) to ensure that the three conflicts highlighted in the Supplementary Report are carefully studied and related concerns satisfied before formalizing the appointment. This process included, *inter alia*, ensuring that the two clients benefiting from the Court's legal aid system were fully informed and provided their consents for the appointment to proceed, and that they had no quarrels or concerns relating to quality of legal representation or conflicts of interest for the Legal Assistant in question to work in both teams concurrently. The Registry then formalized the appointment of the Legal Assistant and set her remuneration (fees)<sup>22</sup> in accordance with the Decision of the Bureau and the Supplementary Report. For further details, please see Table 5 below.

<sup>21</sup> The Prosecutor v. Katanga (ICC-01/04-01/07), and The Prosecutor v. Bemba (ICC-01/05-01/08).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The Prosecutor v. Ntaganda, Case no.ICC-01/04-02/06, and The Prosecutor v. Saif Al-Islam Gadafi et al., Case no ICC-01/11-01/11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The Supplementary Report, *supra* note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Supra note 5.

 $<sup>^{22}</sup>$  A maximum remuneration of € 2,444.50 per month, resulting in direct savings of €2,444.50 per month in accordance with the revised remuneration scheme.

Table 5: Implementation of multiple mandates: legal assistant simultaneously assigned to two (2) defence teams

Legal assistant working for two (2) teams simultaneously in the Situation of the DRC	Remuneration for the first case set at 100% (€ euros)	the second case
Monthly fee for Legal Assistant (revised system)	6,113.00	2,444.50
Total monthly savings		€ 3,668.50*

<sup>\*</sup> The figures denote monthly savings from implementation of the Decision of the Bureau setting remuneration of a Legal Assistant at  $\in$  4,889.00 per month in conjunctions with the implementation of the Supplementary Report on multiple mandates, which reduces the remuneration for a second case to 50% rate.

28. The policy was similarly implemented in the case of the duty Counsel appointment and related remuneration. For further details, please see Table 6 below.

Table 6: Implementation of multiple mandates: duty counsel

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Duty counsel	Remuneration for the first appointment set at 100% (€ euros)	Remuneration for the second appointment set at 50% (€ euros)
Monthly fee (revised system)	8,221.00	4,110.50
Total monthly savings		€4,110.50
Total quarterly savings		€12,331.50**

<sup>\*\*</sup> The figures denote monthly savings from implementation of the Decision of the Bureau setting remuneration of duty Counsel at a maximum monthly cap of  $\in$  8,221.00 in conjunctions with the implementation of the Supplementary Report on multiple mandates which reduces the remuneration for a second case at 50% rate.

#### B. Legal aid expenses policy

- 29. The Registry continues to fully implement the new legal aid expenses policy in respect of all 18 defence and victims' teams currently active in proceedings before the Court. In the reporting period between 1 March 2013 and 31 May 2013, the Court's legal aid system cost the ASP  $\[ \in \]$ 54,000.00 less as a consequence of the reduction in monthly expenses allotment granted to legal teams from  $\[ \in \]$ 4,000.00 to  $\[ \in \]$ 3,000.00. The reduction in the monthly allotment will result in savings of  $\[ \in \]$ 213,000.00 for 2013. (The Registry recalls that the First Quarterly Report projected savings of  $\[ \in \]$ 204,000.00 Euros for 2013. The increase cited here from  $\[ \in \]$ 204,000.00 to  $\[ \in \]$ 213,000.00 accounts for the addition of two new cases in the reporting period, referred above, which have triggered legal aid entitlements).
- 30. The Registry notes that since the implementation of the Supplementary Report in practice, more specifically the abolishment of the automatic payment of Daily Subsistence Allowance ("DSA"), the maximum monthly allotment of  $\epsilon$ 3,000.00 has not yet been exceeded by the legal teams for the purposes of reimbursing accommodations and other expenses associated with visits to The Hague by Counsel and Associate Counsel on approved official business. Reimbursement of expenses associated with stays in The Hague of Counsel and Associate Counsel have been processed based costs actually incurred, and upon furnishing the necessary supporting documentation.
- 31. The Registry is finalising detailed internal guidelines specifying precisely reimbursable items under the new system where automatic DSA payments are no longer applicable.
- 32. The Registry will continue to closely monitor the implementation of the Supplementary Report as it concerns the legal aid expenses policy with a view to report on not only cost savings, but also how the new system is responsive to the expenses needs of legal teams.

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#### C. Remuneration during phases in which activities are considerably reduced

- 33. The Registry notes that from 1 January 2013 to date, there has been no relevant judicial activity or other triggering mechanism which would engage this particular aspect of the Supplementary Report.
- 34. The Registry however notes the recent developments in Situation of Darfur, Republic of Sudan, where Counsel for the defence notified the Chamber of the alleged demise of an accused.<sup>23</sup> The latter's defence was granted legal assistance paid by the Court. The Registry has submitted its observations on the notification to the Chamber seized and recommended severance and suspension of the case,<sup>24</sup> and is assisting the Court in confirming the suspect's untimely passing. At the appropriate time, the Registry will take the necessary decision on legal aid afforded to the team, and report on this matter in future notifications.
- 35. The Registry continues to monitor and assess the application of the legal aid system in light of the experiences and lessons gained from proceedings before the Court both, to ensure that legal aid funds provide for effective and efficient legal representation for the beneficiaries of the system, as well as to ensure that publically made available legal aid resources are judiciously managed. The Registry will continue to report accordingly on its findings and observations to the Committee and the Assembly.

#### IV. Reinforcing related capacity of the Registry

36. As stated during the Registry presentations to The Hague Working Group on discussions relating to legal aid and further as highlighted in the First Quarterly Report, the implementation of the proposals contained in the Supplementary Report (and the Decision of the Bureau) continues to have a significant impact on the already overstretched resources of the Counsel Support Section (the Registry section in charge of implementing and managing the Court's legal aid system). The call for increasing the Section's human resources on a more permanent basis so as to meet its growing daily demands and to ensure optimal service delivery is re-emphasised in this Second Quarterly Report.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> "Public Redacted Version of "Defence Notification of the Death of Mr Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus" submitted on 21 April 2013", Doc. no. ICC-02/05-03/09-466-Red, 23 April 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Registry's observations on the "Public Redacted Version of "Defence Notification of the Death of Mr Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus" submitted on 21 April 2013" (ICC-02/05-03/09-466-Red) dated 23 April 2013" (ICC-02/05-03/09-473), dated 7 May 2013.