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Ceremony

FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRUST FUND FOR VICTIMS OF ICC

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**THE ROLE OF THE TRUST FUND FOR VICTIMS AND ITS RELATION WITH THE
REGISTRY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

For the very first time in history, victims of the most heinous crimes known to humanity have been granted access to an international criminal court to express their views and concerns. Moreover, for the very first time in history a possibility has been created to address the wrongs which have been committed through a claim for reparations against the individual convicted by an international criminal court, including an option to claim restitution, compensation and rehabilitation.

Victims of crimes falling under the jurisdiction of the Court will be able to participate in a manner which is consistent with the rights of the accused and the requirements for fair and impartial trial. The views and concerns of the victims may also be presented by a legal representative at stages where the Court considers it appropriate. The tasks of guaranteeing the rights of victims at the ICC have in a large part been entrusted to the Registry.

The role of the Registry

The Registry is currently developing effective mechanisms to assist victims in participating in all stages of the proceedings and in making claims reparations should that be desired. This assistance includes, *inter alia*, setting up systems for the processing of victim's applications and obtaining legal representation for victims and facilitating victim's interaction with those legal representatives. The Registry is also in the process of preparing outreach campaigns targeted specifically at victims.

Reparations have the purpose of relieving the suffering and affording justice to victims not only through the conviction of a perpetrator by this Court, but also by attempting to redress the consequences of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, in respect of the victims of that perpetrator. Ultimately, addressing these consequences will provide a more solid basis for re-building societies after mass violence. The existence of the Trust Fund for Victims will help bring this goal closer to realization.

The Registry will assist victims in communicating with the Court by giving sufficient publicity to the proceedings, and, where necessary, providing support in completing the application forms, and processing the forms. Although the final decision regarding reparations lies with the Chambers, the Registry may provide recommendations as to appropriate types and modalities of reparations.

The Trust Fund for Victims

The Trust Fund for Victims (TVF) was established on September 9, 2002, by Resolution of the Assembly of States Parties (ICC-ASP/1/Res.6) pursuant to article 79 of the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court. In the Annex of Resolution 6, the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) also decided to create a Board of Directors of the Trust Fund.

The Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

The Trust Fund for Victims is managed by a Board of Directors elected by the Assembly of States Parties for a term of three years and may be re-elected once. They will serve in an individual capacity on a *pro bono* basis.

The current members of the Board of Directors are:

- H.R.H. Queen Rania Al-Abdullah
- H.E. Dr. Oscar Arias Sánchez
- H.E. Mr. Tadeusz Mazowiecki
- Madame the Minister Simone Veil
- H.G. Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

Functions of the Trust Fund for Victims

- To act as a vehicle through which reparations orders from the Court can be granted to victims;
- To collect voluntary contributions, fines and forfeitures; and
- To use the resources to benefit victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court and their families.

Collection of Funds

The TFV will collect funds in the following manner:

- Through voluntary contributions from governments, organisations and individuals, so long as these do not violate the spirit of the Fund;
- From funds collected through fines or forfeitures ordered by the Court; and
- From other fund allocated by the ASP.

Amount of Reparations

The judges of the ICC will determine the amount and form of a reparation order for the victims. But the Trust Fund plays an important role in the granting of reparations awards to victims in the case of collective awards or a large number of individual awards, where direct transfer to beneficiaries is “impossible or impracticable.” Where this is the case, the Court may order that a reparations award be deposited with the Trust Fund for Victims.

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Programme**

Introduction to the ceremony

Statement by Judge Akua Kuenyehia, First Vice-President of the International Criminal Court

Minute of silence

Moment of remembrance and reflection

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) - Prelude from 5th Suite for Solo Cello - performed by
Mr. Alexandre Bouzlov*

*Alexandre Bouzlov is currently studying at the Moscow Conservatory with Natalya Gutman
and has performed as soloist with numerous Russian orchestras, including the Moscow
Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alexandre Vedernikov*

This presentation is in cooperation with Young Concert Artists, Inc., New York

Statement on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

Statement by Mr. Mirsad Tokača, General Secretary of the State Commission for Gathering Facts on War Crimes in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Statement by Ms. Esther Mujawayo, survivor of the genocide in Rwanda, psychotherapist at the Psychosocial Centre for Refugees in Düsseldorf, cofounder of AVEGA (an organisation of widows survivors of the genocide in Rwanda)

Choir of the International School in The Hague, conducted by Dr. Malcolm Davies

Solemn tribute to victims of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity

*Aegis photo exhibition "100 Nights", based on the story of the Kabahizi family in Rwanda,
describes what happened to ordinary people before, during and after the genocide.*

Reception

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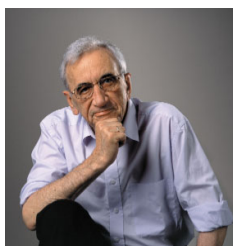
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TRUST FUND FOR VICTIMS**

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

- **Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah** of Jordan was elected to serve as the representative for the Asian Region on the Board. As First Lady, Queen Rania's activities encompass issues of national and international concern, such as the environment, youth development and human rights. Internationally, she serves on the Board of Directors of The Vaccine Fund, The World Economic Forum, The International Youth Foundation and The Foundation for International Community Assistance. In Jordan, Queen Rania chairs the Royal Commission on Human Rights. In addition, she has established the first center in the Arab world dedicated to combating child abuse and has actively promoted educational reform and IT learning.



- **His Excellency Dr. Oscar Arias Sánchez** from Costa Rica was elected to serve as the representative of the Latin American and Caribbean Region on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court. Despite the fact that he has closely been involved in the work, he could unfortunately not attend the meetings of this week in person due to the fact that his presence was urgently required in his home country Costa Rica. Dr. Arias Sánchez won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end the cycle of violence in Central America. He earned a doctorate in political science at the University of Essex and, following the adoption of what is widely known as the "Arias Peace Plan," earned some fifty honorary doctorate degrees. He is the author of several books about peace and politics, and founded the Foundation for Peace and Human Progress with the monetary award from the Nobel Prize.



- **His Excellency Mr. Tadeusz Mazowiecki** from Poland was elected to serve as the representative from Eastern Europe on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court. He was one of the founders of the Solidarity Movement and served as the first Prime Minister of Poland in the post-communist era. He was the founder and the chairperson of The Democratic Union which later became the Union for Freedom. He has served in various positions in the Polish Parliament, including member of the Parliamentary Constitutional Committee, member of the Parliamentary Defence Committee, and Chairman of the EU-Poland Joint Parliamentary

Committee. In the international arena he has served as a UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights for the Former Yugoslavia. At present he is the Chairman of the Polish Robert Schuman Foundation. His Excellency has received several prizes and honorary doctorates in recognition to his activities in the field of human rights.

- **Madame Minister Simone Veil** from France was elected to serve as the representative from Western Europe and Other States regional group on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court. Madame Veil was elected as first President of the European Parliament by universal suffrage in 1979 and has served as President of the Judicial Commission for the European Parliament. In France, she has held prominent positions with the Ministries of Health and Social Security. She was appointed as State Minister, Minister of Social Affairs, Health and Urban Affairs in 1993. As an Auschwitz survivor, she is currently President of the Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah and she has been a Member of the French Constitutional Council since 1998. She is widely recognised as a defendant and campaigner of human rights and particularly of women's rights and has received honours from governments and organisations in Europe, Africa and the Americas.



- **His Eminence Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu** from South Africa was elected to serve as the representative of the African Region. He gained international prominence in 1984 when he was awarded the Nobel Peace prize for his work toward a democratic and just society without racial divisions. He continued his work to facilitate South Africa's transition from Apartheid as Chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He holds numerous honorary doctorates and international awards.



Front: The Members of the Board of Directors: His Excellency Mr. Tadeusz Mazowiecki; H.R.H. Queen Rania Al-Abdullah; and Madam Minister Simone Veil.
Back: H.R.H. Prince Zeid Al-Hussein, President of the Assembly of States Parties; Bruno Cathala, Registrar of the ICC; Philippe Kirsch, President of the ICC; and Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor of the ICC.

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