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Mr. Judge Piotr Hofmański  
President of the International Criminal Court,  
Mr. Osvaldo Zavala Giler  
Registrar of the International Criminal Court,  
Oude Waalsdorperweg 10  
The Hague, The Netherlands

Letter Transmitted by the Secretary-General of the Arab Lawyers Union to the President and Registrar of the International Criminal Court

**Your Excellencies,**

Greetings of appreciation and respect, I have the honor to file this request before the International Criminal Court.

The Arab Lawyers Union has the honor to transmit to you this Letter based on your legal responsibilities and to take appropriate measures to give effect to the request contained therein.

On 1 January 2015, the Government of Palestine ("Palestine") lodged a Declaration under article 12(3) of the Rome Statute accepting the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court ("ICC") over alleged crimes committed "in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, since June 13, 2014".

On 2 January 2015, Palestine acceded to the Rome Statute by depositing its instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Rome Statute entered into force for Palestine on 1 April 2015.

On 16 January 2015, the Prosecutor announced the opening of a preliminary examination into the Situation in the State of Palestine in order to determine whether the Rome Statute criteria for opening an investigation are met.

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On 22 May 2018, pursuant to articles 13(a) and 14 of the Rome Statute, Palestine has referred to the Prosecutor the Situation since 13 June 2014, with no end date.

On 5 February 2021, Pre-Trial Chamber I has issued a Decision on the 'Prosecution request pursuant to article 19(3) for a ruling on the Court's territorial jurisdiction in Palestine'.

Numerous measures have been taken since then, in addition to the serious developments that have taken place in reality and to the legal status of the Case, and which have lead to the perpetration of extremely serious crimes that inevitably fall within the jurisdiction of the Court In light of the Arab Lawyers Union's legal responsibilities towards the Palestinian people;

Whereas the Arab Lawyers Union is: a) an international organization, established in 1944, legally registered under a headquarters agreement with the Egyptian government dated 16/02/2002 with registration number '2'; b) is the sole representative of all Arab lawyers and their bar associations; and c) has the legal capacity required for legal representation;

While the Palestine Bar Association is an active member of the Union, having the legal authority and capacity to submit a request to intervene on behalf of the Palestinian State and the Palestinian victims in the present Case pending before the International Criminal Court in the aforementioned Case;

As the Arab Lawyers Union constantly communicates and coordinates with the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), the national authority of the State of Palestine and the legal representative of all the sects of the Palestinian people, with regards to defending their rights accorded to them under international law;

The Arab Lawyers Union requests to intervene in the proceedings of Case No. ICC-01/18 and to be included in the defense for the victims in the abovementioned Case;



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To this end, appoints the following persons as Defense Counsels to represent the Arab Lawyers Union, on behalf of the Palestinian victims referred to, in the said proceedings before the Court:

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furthermore, we wish to inform you that the Arab lawyer Union has appointed an Advisory Committee for the Situation in the State of Palestinian, as follows:

4. Mr. Yahya Salem Abu-Abud, Head of Jordanian Lawyers Syndicate.

5. Mr. Sameh Mohamed Ashur (former Head of Egyptian Lawyers Syndicate, former President of Arab Lawyers Union).

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Please accept, Your Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature



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