The Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims holds its 6th Meeting and Welcomes the election of H.E. O-Gon Kwon as new Board Member and the ICC One-Court Strategic Plan 2026-2029

The 8th Board of Directors (Board) of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) at the International Criminal Court (ICC) convened its sixth yearly meeting from 27-28 November 2025 in The Hague. Mr Andres Parmas, Chair of the Board reaffirmed the TFV's enduring commitment to victims, stating: "The discussions held during this meeting reaffirmed the importance of ensuring that the Trust Fund's resources are used strategically, transparently and with a clear focus on impact for victims on the ground."

During the sixth board meeting, held pursuant to the Regulations of the TFV, the Secretariat presented a comprehensive report on activities to the Board. The Board subsequently engaged in substantive discussions and received briefings on the items covered in the report, namely: organisational matters and the report of the Executive Director on activities of the Secretariat, the first TFV Impact Report, the financial situation of the TFV, ongoing efforts to strengthen engagement and mobilise resources, results achieved in relation to visibility and communications, updates on judicial activities, programme highlights including developments in the Ongwen and Georgia programmes as well as a report on risks and risk management, compliance and integrity. Together, these discussions ensured a holistic review of the TFV's operations and strategic priorities.

In addition, the Board and the Secretariat also engaged in high-level activities, including a lunch with the President of the Assembly of States Parties and a lunch with the Registrar of the Court.

Throughout 2025, the Board took several important decisions:

- **Governance:** In February 2025, the Board elected Mr Andres Parmas (Estonia) as Chair of the Board of Directors and Ms Mônica Sifuentes (Brazil) as Vice Chair. In August 2025, the Board accepted the resignation of Board member Mr Tareque Muhammad (Bangladesh), which took effect on 1 December 2025.
- **The Plight of Victims:** In its June/July 2025 meeting, the Board considered the status of victims in all situations, and reiterated its commitment to conduct a review of the plight of victims in nine situations where the TFV is not yet active: the Situations in Afghanistan, Bangladesh/Myanmar, Burundi, Darfur (Sudan), Libya, State of Palestine, Republic of the Philippines, Venezuela and Ukraine.

- **Resource Mobilisation:** The Board, in its June/July 2025 meeting, approved several scenarios for funds allocations and set fundraising targets for the continuation of reparations and assistance programmes in 2026. Additionally, the Board of Directors endorsed the OPCV20 Donation Campaign for private donations for reparations that was launched on 17 July 2025 and is set to run until 31 December 2025.
- **Programme Investment – Fund Allocation:** In March 2025, the Board of Directors reviewed the TFV's financial status as of 2025 and approved several proposed investments, in the sum of EUR 2,6 million, to prioritise the available resources for various programmes and activities, including for victims of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and former child soldiers. In June/July 2025, the Board further approved several fund allocations in the amount of EUR 3,880,000 to prioritise the available resources for certain programmes and activities, such as completing the *Al Mahdi* reparations programme and investing in victims with urgent needs in the *Ntaganda* programme. The Board also agreed to plan a visit to Bangladesh for the purpose of consultations with affected individuals and communities with a view to assessing the feasibility of starting a new programme for the benefit of victims in the Bangladesh/Myanmar Situation.
- **2026 Budget for the TFV Secretariat:** In its June/July 2025 meeting, the Board approved the proposed programme budget for the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims (Major Programme VI) for 2026 with a total amount of EUR 4,833,800, marking a 5 percent increase compared to the approved budget for the previous year.
- **Strategic Plan 2026-2029:** The Board of Directors actively took part in the development of the Court-wide Strategic Plan for 2026-2029, thereby ensuring its focus on victims and affirming the reparative mandate of the ICC as being crucial to the Court's relevance and legitimacy.
- **Strengthening the TFV Secretariat:** Additionally, the Board of Directors approved the guidelines for receiving private sector donations and updated these guidelines in the second half of 2025.

At the 24th Session of the Assembly of States Parties, the Board of Directors presented its annual activity report to States, outlining the progress made by the Trust Fund for Victims in the past year in relation to the implementation of Court-ordered reparations, as well as the expansion and strengthening of its other programmes for the benefit of victims. The report also emphasised the importance of sustainable financial resources to ensure the continuity and impact of the Trust Fund. In this regard, the Board expressed its gratitude for the contributions received to date and renewed its call for States, organisations, and private donors to provide voluntary contributions to enable the Trust Fund to meet its growing responsibilities and respond to the needs of victims.

At the margins of the 24th ASP session, the TFV held 19 bilateral meetings with Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Ambassadors and other Heads of Delegation; held its annual meeting with the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC); attended a meeting between ICC judges and the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP); took part in several side events; and attended various segments of the plenary meetings.

Finally, the Assembly elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. O-Gon Kwon (Republic of Korea), who will serve as a member of the Board of Directors until December 2028, completing the term for which a vacancy was created after the resignation of H.E. Mr Tareque Muhammad, whom the Board thanks for his service.

For more information about the Trust Fund for Victims, please contact trustfundforvictims@icc-cpi.int or visit www.trustfundforvictims.org. You can also follow TFV's activities on X, LinkedIn, Bluesky and Facebook.

Background Information

The Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) was established by the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to provide oversight of the Fund's activities and strategic direction, including the allocation of resources to victim assistance programmes. Members serve in their individual, pro bono capacity and are expected to act independently.

The current 8th Board of Directors was elected on 6 December 2024, at the conclusion of the 23rd session of the ASP to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The composition of the current Board is as follows:

- Ms Mônica Jacqueline Sifuentes, 2024-2026 (Brazil)
- Mr Andres Parmas, 2024-2028 (Estonia)
- H.E. Kevin Kelly, 2024-2028 (Ireland)
- Mr O-Gon Kwon, 2024-2028 (Republic of Korea)
- Mr Ibrahim Sorie Yillah, 2024-2026 (Sierra Leone)

Mr. Andres Parmas was appointed Chair of the 8th Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims on 27 February 2025, during its first meeting. Judge Mônica Jacqueline Sifuentes was appointed vice-Chair.

End of statement