

**7<sup>th</sup> TFV Board of Directors (2021-2024)**  
Decisions taken between January and December 2023

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## **1. Governance**

In 2023, the Board of Directors (Board) continued its focus to strengthen the governance of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) and following an open, competitive recruitment, on 1 May 2023, Ms Deborah Ruiz Verduzco (national from Mexico) assumed duties as the new TFV Executive Director.

On 5 December 2023, the Board decided to change the frequency of virtual Board meetings to one every two months and hold its in-person meetings twice a year, subject to travel budget and schedule availability. In between these meetings the Board will take decisions by silent procedure.

In December 2023, the Board proposed to start mobilising States Parties in the first Quarter of 2024 for new candidates for the next election of the Board of Directors in December 2024, and to consider initiatives to support the transition and arrival of a new Board of Directors.

## **2. Programmes Investment – fund allocation**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the allocation of resources received from voluntary unrestricted contributions for use in its programmes.

### **Decisions of 23 February 2023**

At its 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 23 February 2023, the Board of Directors approved the following fund allocations for Court-ordered reparations, other programmes for the benefit of victims and Incidental Programme Costs.

- 2.1. On the *Katanga* Reparation Programme  
To continue the programme using resources that had been previously allocated or had been earmarked for this programme
- 2.2. On the *Lubanga* Reparation Programme  
To allocate from Reparations Resources, USD 2 million (at that time EUR 1.858 million) from the reparations resources, including EUR 650,000 earmarked for reparations received from Ireland in 2022.

In addition to the USD 2 million, the Board of Directors also approved in 2023 the allocation of the following contributions to the *Lubanga* Reparation Programme:

- EUR 364,560 received from New Zealand (2022) unrestricted;
- EUR 80,000 received from Germany (2022) earmarked for reparations.

2.3. On the Al Mahdi Reparation Programme

To continue the programme using resources that had been previously allocated or had been earmarked for this programme

2.4. On the DRC programme of assistance to victims

To allocate EUR 2,089,650, including:

- USD 850,000 (at that time EUR 789,650) from unrestricted funds available
- EUR 750,000 received from Ireland (2022) earmarked to the other programmes for the benefit of victims.

2.5. On the Côte d'Ivoire programme of assistance

To allocate EUR 400,000 from available resources.

2.6. On Incidental Programme Costs

Decided to re-distribute the funds available for situational assessments, monitoring and evaluation, fundraising and visibility and partnership and reparations. The total funds allocated to IPC remained unchanged (EUR 1,828,035).

### **Decisions of 19 October 2023**

At its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 19 October 2023, the Board of Directors approved the following:

2.7. On the Côte d'Ivoire programme of assistance

- Decided not to extend beyond 2024 the programme, and
- To allocate EUR 600,000 to finalise the programme activities in 2024.

### **Decisions of 05 December 2023**

2.8. On Incidental Programme Costs

- At its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held from 30 November to 5 December 2023, the Board of Directors approved the re-distribution of funding to ensure the hiring in 2024 of administrative support, and if necessary to extend contracts of legal staff supporting the implementation of reparations.
- The Board authorised the Secretariat to initiate a pilot period to charge Programme Support Costs (PSC) at 7 percent of voluntary contributions received to be available upon exhaustion of funds and to be used to fund direct costs related to the management of contributions.

### **3. TFV Strategic Plan 2023 – 2025**

The Board adopted on 6 April 2023 through silent procedure the Strategic Plan 2023-2025, subject to a proof-reading and a translation into French. The Board approved an updated version of the Strategic Plan under the new leadership. On 14 June 2023, the TFV Strategic Plan 2023-2025 was officially launched, together with the plans of the Court, the Registry, and the Office of the Prosecutor.

### **4. Eligibility decisions taken by the Board of Directors**

Throughout 2023, the Board of Directors, through the Board focal points Mr Ibrahim Sorie Yillah approved the eligibility review of 460 victims in the case Al Mahdi,

### **5. 2024 Budget for TFV Secretariat (Major Programme VI)**

At its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27 June 2023, the Board approved the 2024 proposed programme budget for the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims (Major Programme VI) with a total amount of EUR 4,628,900, which is equivalent to a 19.0 per cent increase compared with the 2023 approved budget.

In December 2023, the Assembly of the States Parties approved the 2024 budget for the TFV Secretariat at EUR 4,324,000. A reduction of EUR 304,900 from the proposed budget.

### **6. Resource Mobilisation**

In July 2023, the Board of Directors issued a call for voluntary contributions to States Parties (Annex I to the Report of the TFV to the Assembly of States Parties) to help the TFV in redressing the harm suffered by victims from Rome Statute crimes through the implementation of Court-ordered reparations and other programmes for the benefit of victims.

In November 2023, the Board of Directors launch another funding appeal for voluntary contributions for its activities and programmes in 2024 and beyond. This includes funding for initial consultations to determine the feasibility of starting – subject to financial, legal, operational, and political considerations – other programmes for the benefit of victims in other nine situations under jurisdiction of the ICC, where the TFV does not currently have programmes.

### **7. Communications**

At its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held from 30 November to 5 December 2023, the Board approved the first draft of the TFV Communications policy, to be further updated following comments from staff of the TFV Secretariat in 2024.