

**Cour  
Pénale  
Internationale**

No.: ICC-02/05

**International  
Criminal  
Court**

Date: 21 April 2005

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**THE PRESIDENCY**

**Before:** Judge Philippe Kirsch, President  
Judge Akua Kuenyehia, First Vice-President  
Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, Second Vice-President

**Registrar:** Mr Bruno Cathala

**SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN**

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**DECISION ASSIGNING THE SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN TO PRE-  
TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**The Office of the Prosecutor**  
Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo, Prosecutor

**THE PRESIDENCY** of the International Criminal Court (the "Court");

**NOTING** article 38 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (the "Statute");

**NOTING** the Decision Constituting Pre-Trial Chambers, issued by the Presidency on 23 June 2004;

**NOTING** the Security Council Resolution 1593 (2005) of 31 March 2005 transmitted by the Secretary General of the United Nations to the Prosecutor in accordance with Article 17 of the Relationship Agreement between the International Criminal Court and the United Nations, and the transmittal letter, annexed to this decision;

**NOTING** the letter from the Prosecutor, dated 4 April 2005, and numbered OTP/050404/LMO-dr, annexed to this decision, in which the Prosecutor formally informed the President of the Court of the referral by the Security Council of the situation in Darfur since 1 July 2002;

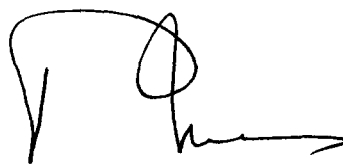
**NOTING** articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Statute;

**CONSIDERING** regulation 46(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the "Regulations"), pursuant to which the Presidency shall assign a situation to a Pre-Trial Chamber as soon as the Prosecutor has informed the Presidency in accordance with regulation 45;

**NOTING** regulation 45 of the Regulations, pursuant to which the Prosecutor shall, *inter alia*, inform the Presidency in writing as soon as a situation has been referred to the Prosecutor by the Security Council under article 13, sub-paragraph (b) of the Statute; and provide the Presidency with any other information that may facilitate the timely assignment of a situation to a Pre-Trial Chamber;

**HEREBY DECIDES** that the situation in Darfur, Sudan be assigned to Pre-Trial Chamber I, with immediate effect.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

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**Judge Philippe Kirsch**  
**President**

Dated this twenty first day of April 2005

At The Hague

The Netherlands