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Excellency,

I am pleased to announce that the **Judicial Seminar** and the **Opening of the Judicial Year** of the International Criminal Court (ICC, Court) will be held on **Tuesday 19 January 2027** at the seat of the Court in The Hague, the Netherlands, and simultaneously online.

The purpose of the ICC's annual **Judicial Seminar** is to provide a space for a frank exchange of views on topical issues in the international criminal justice system. The participants of the Judicial Seminar are judges of the ICC, senior judges of the national jurisdictions of the States Parties to the Rome Statute, as well as senior judges of international and regional courts. The topic of the Judicial Seminar will be disclosed in a formal invitation, which will follow in due time.

The **Opening of the Judicial Year** is a ceremonial, symbolic event held in Courtroom I of the ICC, which underlines the Court's special nature among international organisations as an independent judicial institution, and signals the beginning of another cycle of annual work in the Court's life.

Excellency, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tomoko Akane
President