

**Cour
Pénale
Internationale**



**International
Criminal
Court**

Original: **English**

No.: ICC-01/14-01/18

Date: **19 January 2021**

TRIAL CHAMBER V

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
Judge Péter Kovács
Judge Chang-ho Chung

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II
IN THE CASE OF *PROSECUTOR v. ALFRED YEKATOM AND PATRICE-
EDOUARD NGAÏSSONA***

Confidential

**Prosecution's Response to the Ngaïssona Defence Request to allow in-person
visits between Mr Ngaïssona and his Defence in order to prepare for Trial
(ICC-01/14-01/18-833-Conf-Red)**

Source: Office of the Prosecutor

Document to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Mr James Stewart

Mr Kweku Vanderpuye

Counsel for Alfred Yekatom

Ms Mylène Dimitri

Mr Thomas Hannis

Counsel for Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona

Mr Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops

Legal Representatives of Victims

Mr Dmytro Suprun

Mr Abdou Dangabo Moussa

Ms Elisabeth Rabesandratana

Mr Yaré Fall

Ms Marie-Edith Douzima-Lawson

Ms Paolina Massidda

Legal Representatives of Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)**

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar

Mr Peter Lewis

Counsel Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") considers that Trial Chamber V ("Chamber") should grant NGAISSONA's request to allow in-person legal visits with Counsel.¹ The Chamber's direct intervention is warranted in the circumstances.

II. CONFIDENTIALITY

2. Pursuant to regulation 23*bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC"), this Response is filed as "Confidential", as it concerns a filing of the same designation. A "Public Redacted" version will be filed as soon as practicable.

III. SUBMISSIONS

3. The Prosecution incorporates by reference the submissions made in its Response to YEKATOM's request for in-person visits.²

4. Accordingly, the Chamber should exercise its discretion pursuant to article 64(2) to promptly intervene and resolve this matter expeditiously, particularly given the precipitating circumstances and the limited relief sought in the Request.

¹ ICC-01/14-01/18-833-Conf-Red ("Request").

² See ICC-01/14-01/18-830-Conf, paras. 3-6.

IV. CONCLUSION

5. For the foregoing reasons, the Request is should be granted.



James Stewart, Deputy Prosecutor

Dated this 19th day of January 2021

At The Hague, The Netherlands