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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
THE PROSECUTOR *v.* ALFRED YEKATOM AND PATRICE-EDOUARD
NGAÏSSONA**

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Public redacted version of “Victims and Witnesses Unit’s Observations on the Prosecution’s ‘Request for Reconsideration regarding In-Court Protective Measures for Prosecution Witness P-1077’ (ICC-01/14-01/18-1469-Conf-Exp)”

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I. Introduction

1. The Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU” or “Unit”) submits these observations pursuant to Trial Chamber V’s (“Chamber”) Order communicated by way of email, dated 29 June 2022 (“Order”).¹

II. Classification

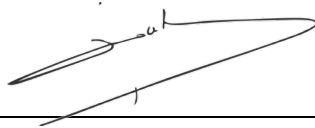
2. In accordance with regulation 23bis (2) of the Regulations of the Court, the present report is classified confidential *ex parte*, Prosecution and VWU only, as it refers to a document with that same classification.

III. Report

3. The witness was interviewed by the VWU on [REDACTED]. The in-court protective measures were explained to the witness, as well as the possibility of testifying without those measures.
4. The witness is a CAR national residing in [REDACTED]. He travelled from [REDACTED] to Bangui on [REDACTED] in order to testify from Bangui, which testimony was scheduled to take place on 20, 21 and 22 July 2022. [REDACTED], and his testimony was therefore rescheduled for 29 August 2022, following the court recess. [REDACTED] no security-related incidents have been reported.
5. [REDACTED].
6. [REDACTED].
7. [REDACTED]. Furthermore, the VWU is not aware of any past security threats or incidents.
8. The VWU agrees that the general security situation in CAR is precarious and that the civilian population suffers from that insecurity. However, the VWU does not see a correlation between the witness’s testimony and the current general security situation in CAR. With regard to [REDACTED].

¹ Trial Chamber V Communications, email sent on 29 June 2022 at 10:21.

9. The VWU acknowledges that a possibility always exists that [REDACTED]. The VWU would like to stress, [REDACTED].
10. Considering the above, the VWU does not recommend any in-court protective measures for the witness.



Marc Dubuisson, Director Division of Judicial Services
on behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 29 August 2022

At The Hague, the Netherlands