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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 ROMBHOT YEKATOM AND
PATRICE-EDOUARD NGAÏSSONA

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With Confidential Annexes I and II

Notification of the Appointment of Ms Vessela Terzieva
as Legal Adviser to Witness P-0487

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Ms Vessela Terzieva

I. Introduction

1. The Registry hereby informs Trial Chamber V (“Chamber”) of the appointment of Ms Vessela Terzieva (“Ms Terzieva”) as Legal Adviser to Witness P-0487 (“Notification of Appointment”), pursuant to rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”). This appointment is to be considered as a temporary substitution of the previously appointed Counsel Ms Dignité Bwiza.

II. Classification

2. Pursuant to regulation 23 *bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”), the annexes to the present submission are classified as confidential, as they contain personal information and contact details of Ms Terzieva.

III. Applicable Law

3. The Registry has considered the following provisions: article 68 of the Rome Statute, rules 21 and 74 of the Rules, regulations 67 and 69 of the RoC, regulation 123(1) of the Regulations of the Registry, and articles 5, 8 and 22(3) of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel (“Code”).

IV. Submissions

4. On 22 February 2023, the Registrar appointed Ms Terzieva as the Legal Adviser to Witness P-0487.¹ Ms Terzieva will be duly provided with access to the relevant material in connection with the case, including the statements and transcripts of interviews of Witness P-0487, *via* a secure channel in order to maintain confidentiality at all times.²

¹ Confidential Annex I.

² Trial Chamber V, “Decision on the Prosecution Request for Appointment of Duty Counsel”, 29 January 2021, ICC-01/14-01/18-857, paras. 3 - 5, *spec.* para. 4.

5. On 3 October 2018, Ms Terzieva executed the solemn undertakings required by articles 5 and 22(3) of the Code.³

6. The Registrar remains at the disposal of the Chamber should further information be required.

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

Dated this 23 February 2023
At The Hague, The Netherlands

³ Confidential Annex II.