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

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

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Redacted version of the “Victims and Witnesses Unit’s Observations pursuant to the ‘Decision on the Ngaïssona Defence Request for Leave to Add D30-4848 to its List Of Witnesses and for In-Court Protective Measures’ (ICC-01/14-01/18-2506)” (ICC-01/14-01/18-2566-Conf)

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I. Introduction

1. The Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU” or “Unit”) submits the present Observations pursuant to the “Decision on the Ngaïssona Defence Request for Leave to Add D30-4848 to its List Of Witnesses and for In-Court Protective Measures.”¹

II. Classification

2. In accordance with regulation 23bis (2) of the Regulations of the Court, the present Observations are classified as confidential as they refer to the Request with the same classification.

III. Observations

3. The witness is 44 years old, Central African Republican, male, Christian Protestant who lives with his wife and their children in Bangui. He is self-employed as an economic and cultural operator and [REDACTED].
4. On 26 June 2024, the VWU interviewed the witness in order to assess the need for in-court protective measures (“ICPMs”). The process was explained to the witness, who declared having understood it.
5. The witness indicated that he has some concerns in relation to his testimony and believes that his safety could be affected if he testifies publicly. He indicated that he would prefer that his identity is hidden but confirmed his willingness to testify publicly.
6. The main concerns from the witness is that [REDACTED] the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) and believes that it is the reason why he was called to testify.
7. The witness mentioned that [REDACTED].

¹ “Decision on the Ngaïssona Defence Request for Leave to Add D30-4848 to its List Of Witnesses and for In-Court Protective Measures” (ICC-01/14-01/18-2506), 23 May 2024.

8. The VWU notes that the witness had expressed some concerns about the possible impact of his public appearance but notes that the witness did not report any security incident [REDACTED].
9. [REDACTED].
10. Considering the above and in the absence of any specific threats, the VWU does not find any objectively justifiable reasons warranting the adoption of ICPMs.
11. Consequently, the VWU does not recommend any in-court protective measures.



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on behalf of Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 5 July 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands