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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa, Presiding
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza
Judge Kimberly Prost
Judge Gocha Lordkipanidze
Judge Erdenebalsuren Damdin

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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

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Decision on the Defence's request for suspension of time limits

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

☒ **The Office of the Prosecutor**

☒ **Counsel for the Defence**

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☒ **Legal Representatives of the Victims**

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☐ **Legal Representatives of the Applicants**

☐ **Unrepresented Victims**

☐ **Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)**

☒ **The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

☐ **The Office of Public Counsel for the
Defence**

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The Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court,

Having before it the “Request for the suspension of rule 150(1) time limit” of 11 July 2025 (ICC-01/14-01/18-2780),

Renders the following

DECISION

The “Request for the suspension of rule 150(1) time limit” is dismissed *in limine*.

REASONS

1. On 11 July 2025, the Defence for Mr Alfred Rombhot Yekatom and the Defence for Mr Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona (hereinafter: “Defence”) filed a request for the suspension of time limits for possible notices of appeal (hereinafter: “Request”) against the then upcoming judgment of Trial Chamber V (hereinafter: “Trial Chamber”).¹
2. On 24 July 2025, the Trial Chamber rendered the “Judgment” (hereinafter: “Trial Judgment”).²
3. The Defence requests that the Appeals Chamber suspend the time limit under rule 150(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (hereinafter: “Rules”) for filing any notice of appeal during the upcoming judicial recess.³ The Defence submits that the Trial Judgment’s delivery just before the recess directly impacts their ability to prepare any notice of appeal.⁴ The Defence states that it files the Request prior to delivery of the Trial Judgment “solely in a pragmatic effort to provide timely notice to the Appeals Chamber”.⁵
4. The Appeals Chamber notes that the Request was filed before the delivery of the Trial Judgment. The Appeals Chamber cannot be seised of an appeal against a decision

¹ Request for the suspension of rule 150(1) time limit, ICC-01/14-01/18-2780.

² ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Red.

³ Request, paras 2, 9.

⁴ Request, paras 2, 6.

⁵ Request, para. 4.

which has not been rendered. Consequently, it cannot entertain requests relating to a possible appellate procedure with respect to such a future decision. Furthermore, at the time of making the Request, the Defence was in no position to properly set out its reasons for seeking the suspension of time limits. In the absence of the Trial Judgment, the Defence was only able to speculate that the amount of work on its future notice of appeal would be such that it would not be able to prepare it within the 30-day time limit set in rule 150(1) of the Rules.

5. The Appeals Chamber therefore dismisses the Request *in limine*. This decision is without prejudice to any request for the extension of time which the Defence may wish to make after notification of the Trial Judgment.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa
Presiding

Dated this 24th day of July 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands