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THE PRESIDENCY

Before: Judge Tomoko Akane, President
Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, First Vice-President
Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou, Second Vice-President

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

Public

Decision replacing Judges in Trial Chamber V

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**

Yekatom Defence

Ngaïssona Defence

☒ **Legal Representatives of the Victims**Common Legal Representative of the Former
Child SoldiersCommon Legal Representatives of Victims of
Other Crimes☐ **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**☐ **States' Representatives**☐ **Amicus Curiae****REGISTRY**

Registrar

Mr Zavala Giler, Osvaldo

☐ **Counsel Support Section**☐ **Victims and Witnesses Unit**☐ **Detention Section**☐ **Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**☒ **Other**
Trial Chamber V

The Presidency of the International Criminal Court (the ‘Court’);

NOTING that Trial Chamber V was constituted on 16 March 2020 and, on the same day, the Presidency referred the case of *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona* (the ‘Yekatom and Ngaïssona case’) to it;¹

NOTING that on 12 March 2024, the Presidency decided to assign Judge Beti Hohler as alternate judge to the *Yekatom and Ngaïssona* case;²

NOTING that on 24 July 2025, Trial Chamber V rendered its judgment pursuant to articles 74 to 78 of the Rome Statute (the ‘Statute’) and rules 145 to 147 of the Rules and Procedure and Evidence (the ‘Rules’) in the *Yekatom and Ngaïssona* case, in which it found Mr Alfred Yekatom and Mr Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity and sentenced them to 15 and 12 years of imprisonment, respectively;³

NOTING that in accordance with article 36(9) and (10) of the Statute and prior practice, the judicial mandates of Judge Bertram Schmitt, Judge Peter Kovács and Judge Chang-ho Chung have come to an end;

NOTING that rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence provides for the replacement of judges for objective and justified reasons and that, pursuant to regulation 15 of the Regulations of the Court, the Presidency is responsible for the replacement of judges;

RECALLING article 39(1) and (2)(b)(ii) of the Statute and the need to assign a judge for the purpose of the reparations proceedings pursuant to article 75 of the Statute,

CONSIDERING the availability and the current and anticipated workload of the judges of the Court, their previous involvement in the case as well as their experience in reparations proceedings at the Court;

HEREBY DECIDES that Trial Chamber V shall, henceforth, be composed as follows:

Judge Joanna Korner

¹ Presidency, *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona*, [Decision constituting Trial Chamber V and referring to it the case of The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona](#), 16 March 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-451.

² Presidency, [Decision assigning judges to divisions and recomposing Chambers](#), 12 March 2024, ICC-01/14-01/18-2409, pp. 6, 8.

³ Trial Chamber V, *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona*, [Judgment](#), 24 July 2025, ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Red, pp. 1608-1616.

Judge Keebong Paek

Judge Beti Hohler

The Presidency orders the Registrar to file and notify this decision to the relevant parties and participants in the *Yekatom and Ngaïssona* case.

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



Judge Tomoko Akane
President



Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala
First Vice-President



Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou
Second Vice-President

Dated this 19 August 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands