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**International
Criminal
Court**

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**No.: ICC-01/14-01/21
Date: 9 September 2025**

TRIAL CHAMBER VI

Before: Judge Miatta Maria Samba, Presiding Judge
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera
Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez
Judge Keebong Paek, Alternate Judge

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. MAHAMAT SAID ABDEL KANI***

Public

Declaration on the Closure of the Presentation of Evidence

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

☒ The Office of the Prosecutor

☒ Counsel for the Defence

☒ Legal Representatives of the Victims

☐ 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 Osvaldo Zavala Giler

☐ Counsel Support Section

☐ Victims and Witnesses Unit

☐ Detention Section

☐ Victims Participation and Reparations
Section

☐ Other

TRIAL CHAMBER VI of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Mahamat Said Abdel Kani*, having regard to rule 141 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the ‘Rules’), issues this ‘Declaration on the Closure of the Presentation of Evidence’.

1. On 26 September 2022, the trial commenced with opening statements from the Parties and Participants.
2. On 15 November 2024, the Office of the Prosecutor (the ‘Prosecution’) formally closed its presentation of evidence.¹
3. On 5 March 2025, the Chamber issued the Fourth Directions on the Conduct of Proceedings, in which it held, *inter alia*, that the Prosecution and the Common Legal Representative of Victims (the ‘CLR’) must submit their Closing Briefs two weeks after the closure of the evidentiary phase of the proceedings.²
4. On 17 March 2025, the Defence called its first witness.
5. On 2 September 2025, the Defence formally closed its presentation of evidence.³
6. On 8 September 2025, the Prosecution notified the Chamber that it does not intend to seek leave to present evidence in rebuttal.⁴

¹ Notification of the Conclusion of the Prosecution’s Presentation of Evidence, 15 November 2024, [ICC-01/14-01/21-895](#).

² Fourth Directions on the Conduct of Proceedings, 5 March 2025, [ICC-01/14-01/21-932](#), para. 21.

³ Notification par la Défense de Monsieur Said de la clôture de son cas, 2 September 2025, [ICC-01/14-01/21-1020](#).

⁴ Email from the Prosecution to the Chamber, dated 8 September 2025, at 14:22.

IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

DECLARES, pursuant to rule 141 of the Rules, the evidentiary phase of the proceedings closed;

RECALLS the timeline established in the Fourth Directions on the Conduct of Proceedings; and

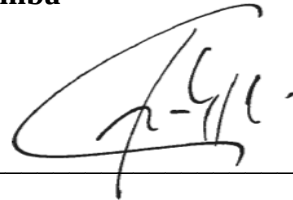
DIRECTS the Prosecution and CLRV to file their Closing Briefs no later than two weeks from the notification of the present declaration.



Judge Miatta Maria Samba
Presiding Judge



Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera



Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez

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

Dated 9 September 2025

At The Hague, The Netherlands