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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua, Presiding Judge
Judge Tomoko Akane
Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II
IN THE CASE OF
*PROSECUTOR v. PATRICE-EDOUARD NGAISSONA***

Public

**Public Redacted version of “Provision of Information Concerning Anticipated
Witness Protection Considerations”, 30 October 2018,
ICC-01/14-20-US-Exp”, 5 February 2019, ICC-01/14-01/18-110-US-Exp**

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The Office of the Prosecutor

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Legal Representatives of the Applicants

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims

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States Representatives

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Counsel Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

Victims Participation and Reparations Section

Other

I. SUBMISSIONS

1. The Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") hereby informs the Pre-Trial Chamber ("Chamber") that the volatile and dangerous security situation in the Central African Republic ("CAR") will likely necessitate extensive witness protection measures, should the Chamber [REDACTED]. The implementation of such measures, as required under article 68 of the Rome Statute ("Statute"), may affect the timing of Prosecution disclosure and the scheduling of subsequent confirmation proceedings against [REDACTED].

2. [REDACTED]. In light of the potential witness security concerns, and in order to promote efficient disclosure and confirmation proceedings, the Prosecution has restricted the cited witnesses to those necessary to demonstrate "reasonable grounds" to believe [REDACTED] committed crimes within the Court's jurisdiction. During any ensuing confirmation proceedings, the Prosecution will also likely rely on additional witnesses, commensurate with the "substantial grounds" evidentiary threshold set out in article 61 of the Statute.

3. [REDACTED].

4. The necessary assessments and the implementation of the required security measures cannot be achieved instantaneously. Typically they [REDACTED], and are contingent on:

- a. the number of witnesses involved, particularly "[REDACTED]" witnesses, who [REDACTED];
 - b. The [REDACTED];
 - c. The [REDACTED];
 - d. [REDACTED];
 - e. the assessed suitability or sufficiency of in-country protective measures;
- and

f. [REDACTED].

5. The prevailing circumstances in CAR present several complicating challenges [REDACTED]. These include:

a. the volatile and unpredictable security situation, characterised by

i. [REDACTED]

ii. [REDACTED].

b. [REDACTED]

i. [REDACTED];

ii. [REDACTED];

iii. [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

6. Should the Chamber grant the Application [REDACTED], the burdens on the Prosecution and VWU regarding the assessment and implementation of security measures will present significant challenges. In addition to the [REDACTED] requiring assessments and, potentially, protective measures, this work will be complicated by the need to address [REDACTED] *inter partes* and [REDACTED] security considerations before disclosing materials.

7. The Prosecution is and has been taking steps in advance to mitigate the impact of the precarious and complex security considerations arising from the circumstances in CAR to ensure that post-arrest proceedings are as efficient as possible, should the Chamber grant the Application. However, the Prosecution considers it advisable to alert the Chamber to the likelihood that prospective disclosure in the case may have to be undertaken on a rolling basis, and that putting in place the appropriate article 68 safeguards for prospective witnesses [REDACTED] to proceed to confirmation proceedings [REDACTED].

II. CONFIDENTIALITY

8. This document is filed under seal and *ex parte*, pursuant to regulation 23bis(1) of the Regulations as it relates to the Application filed with the same status. The Prosecution will seek to unseal it as soon as practicable.



Mame Mandiaye Niang, Deputy Prosecutor

Dated this 2nd day of February 2026
At The Hague, The Netherlands