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Judge Péter Kovács
Judge Chang-ho Chung

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

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**Public Redacted Version of “Registry Report on the Review of Mr Yekatom’s
Non-Privileged Calls from the Last Reporting Period as Ordered by Trial
Chamber V” (ICC-01/14-01/18-1602-Conf-Exp), dated 10 October 2022**

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I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to the “Seventh Decision on Mr Yekatom’s Restrictions on Contacts and Communication in Detention”¹ (“Decision”) issued by Trial Chamber V of the International Criminal Court (“Chamber”) on 29 September 2022, in which the Registry was ordered to review the non-privileged telephone calls of Mr Yekatom from the last reporting period and report back to the Chamber within 10 days,² the Registry hereby submits its report.

II. Procedural history

2. Pursuant to a series of decisions,³ the following restrictions on Mr Yekatom’s contacts are in place (“Current Restrictions”): (1) random active monitoring of non-privileged phone calls with authorized family members and other authorized individuals, whose identity and contact details have been duly verified beforehand by the Chief Custody Officer (“CCO”), who may request the support of the Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU”), for 180 minutes distributed in two 90 minutes periods two times a week; (2) random active monitoring of visits with authorized family members and other authorized individuals, with the exception of visits from his wife and children, whose identity and contact details have also been duly verified beforehand; (3) written correspondence limited to the individuals on his non-privileged contact list; (4) non-privileged communication limited to the languages of French and Sango;

¹ Trial Chamber V, “Seventh Decision on Mr Yekatom’s Restrictions on Contacts and Communication in Detention”, (“29 September 2022 Decision”), 29 September 2022, ICC-01/14-01/18-1590-Conf-Exp.

² *Ibid.*, para. 13.

³ Trial Chamber V, “Decision on Mr Yekatom’s Restrictions on Contacts and Communications in Detention” (“17 April 2020 Decision”), 17 April 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-485-Conf, paras. 13, 30; Trial Chamber V, “Second Decision on Mr Yekatom’s Restrictions on Contacts and Communications in Detention”, 21 August 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-627, paras. 18-19, 24; Trial Chamber V, “Third Decision on Mr Yekatom’s Restrictions on Contacts and Communications in Detention” (“11 November 2020 Decision”), 11 November 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-727-Conf paras. 18, 22, 24, 26; Trial Chamber V, “Fourth Decision on Mr Yekatom’s Restrictions on Contacts and Communications in Detention”, 27 May 2021, ICC-01/14-01/18-1008-Conf, paras. 13, 19, 21-25; Trial Chamber V, “Fifth Decision on Mr Yekatom’s Restrictions on Contacts and Communications in Detention”, 27 October 2021, ICC-01/14-01/18-1148-Conf, para. 11; Trial Chamber V, “Decision on Mr Yekatom’s Request to Add an Individual to his Non-Privileged Contact List”, (“15 June 2022 Decision”), 15 June 2022, ICC-01/14-01/18-1460-Conf-Exp; Trial Chamber V, 29 September 2022 Decision.

and (5) the prohibition of obscure or coded language and discussions related to his case during non-privileged communications. The Registry is ordered to “inform the Chamber of any violation of the applicable restrictions or other significant developments immediately”⁴ and to report on the implementation of the restrictions on contact every six months.⁵

3. On 12 August 2022, the Registry submitted its “Sixth Registry Report on the Implementation of the Restrictions on Contact for Mr Alfred Yekatom Ordered by Trial Chamber V”⁶ (“Sixth Registry Report”) where it reported a possible case-related conversation between [REDACTED] (“Interlocutor”) and Mr Yekatom during his non-privileged telephone calls on 27 July 2022 (“27 July 2022 Conversation”).⁷
4. On 22 August 2022, the Defence for Mr Yekatom (“Defence”) submitted its observations to the Sixth Registry Report stating *inter alia* that the content of the 27 July 2022 Conversation was not case-related but about a person named [REDACTED] (“Intermediary”) that could facilitate the sale of Mr Yekatom’s car.⁸
5. On 23 August 2022, the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) submitted its observations on the Sixth Registry Report requesting *inter alia* the Chamber to direct the Registry to review Mr Yekatom non-privileged calls of the last reporting period (“Prosecution’s Request”).⁹

⁴ Trial Chamber V, “Decision Recalling the Reporting Procedure for the Review of Restrictions”, 1 June 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-540, para. 13.

⁵ Trial Chamber V, 11 November 2020 Decision, para. 33.

⁶ The Registry, “Sixth Registry Report on the Implementation of the Restrictions on Contact for Mr Alfred Yekatom Ordered by Trial Chamber V”, (“Sixth Registry Report”) 12 August 2022, ICC-01/14-01/18-1544-Conf-Exp.

⁷ The Registry, Sixth Registry Report, paras. 6-12.

⁸ Defence for Mr Yekatom, “Observations de la Défense de M. Yekatom au « Sixth Registry Report on the Implementation of the Restrictions on Contact for Mr Alfred Yekatom Ordered by Trial Chamber V », ICC-01/14-01/18-1544-Conf-Exp, 12 août 2022”, 22 August 2022, ICC-01/14-01/18-1549-Conf-Exp, para. 6.

⁹ Prosecution, “Prosecution’s Observations on the “Confidential Redacted version of ‘Sixth Registry Report on the Implementation of the Restrictions on Contact for Mr Alfred Yekatom Ordered by Trial Chamber V’”, (ICC-01/14-01/18-1544-Conf-Red)”, 23 August 2022, ICC-01/14-01/18-1551-Conf, para. 14.

6. On 29 September 2022, the Chamber abstained at the moment to make any findings on whether a breach of Mr Yekatom's Current Restrictions occurred during the 27 July 2022 Conversation and *inter alia* granted the Prosecution's Request by ordering the Registry to review Mr Yekatom's non-privileged telephone calls from the last reporting period and report back to the Chamber within 10 days.¹⁰

III. Classification

7. In accordance with regulation 23 *bis*(2) of the Regulations of the Court, the present submission is classified as confidential *ex parte* only available to the Prosecution, Defence and Registry as it follows submissions with the same designation, and further, as it contains third-party and personal information pertaining to Mr Yekatom's private life.

IV. Submissions

8. In implementing the Chamber's order,¹¹ the Registry has reviewed the non-privileged telephone calls of Mr Yekatom "in order to assess whether there has been any breach of the Current Restrictions" from the last reporting period, therefore since 20 May 2022.¹²
9. In its review, the Registry has not found any new breaches of the Current Restrictions.
10. In addition, the Registry hereby provides an additional conversation and information regarding the reporting of the 27 July 2022 Conversation, if of assistance to the Chamber. The Registry has noted 3 conversations where the name of the Intermediary was mentioned: 1) 23 March 2020, previously

¹⁰ Trial Chamber V, 29 September 2022 Decision, paras. 8 and 13.

¹¹ Trial Chamber V, 29 September 2022 Decision, para. 13.

¹² Trial Chamber V, 29 September 2022 Decision, para. 13.

reported to the Chamber,¹³ 2) 22 July 2022, provided below, and 3) the 27 July 2022 Conversation, reported in the Sixth Registry Report.

11. On 22 July 2022, Mr Yekatom and the Interlocutor mentioned the Intermediary ("22 July 2022 Conversation"), and the Registry hereby provides a summary of that conversation:

[REDACTED].¹⁴

12. The Registry notes that, the 27 July 2022 Conversation was reported due to the obscure and unclear nature of the conversation, which did not mention the sale of cars. The Registry observes that Mr Yekatom often refers to selling cars in his non-privileged telephone calls, and that in other conversations he identifies the selling of items or cars.



Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Judicial Services
on behalf of
Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 20 February 2026

At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹³ The Registry, "Yekatom Defence Request to Modify the Restrictions on Contacts and Communications to Eliminate Random Active Monitoring during Coronavirus pandemic", 30 March 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-856-Conf.

¹⁴ Summary provided by the Registry Language Services Section.