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TRIAL CHAMBER V

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
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 NGAÏSSONA*

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Public Redacted Version of "Victims and Witnesses Unit's Observations following the "Order regarding the Remainder of the Prosecution's Presentation of Evidence and Order pursuant to Article 64(6)(d) of the Statute" (ICC-01/14-01/18-1739-Conf and ICC-01/14-01/18-1739-Red)", ICC-01/14-01/18-2151-Conf, filed on 19 October 2023

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I. Introduction

1. Following Trial Chamber V (“Chamber”)’s “Order regarding the Remainder of the Prosecution’s Presentation of Evidence and Order pursuant to Article 64(6)(d) of the Statute”,¹ the Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU” or “Unit”) submits the present observations as per the Chamber’s instruction communicated by way of email, dated 16 October 2023 requesting the VWU to provide a security assessment on the record by 19 October 2023.²

II. Classification

2. In accordance with regulation 23bis (1) of the Regulations of the Court, the present observations are classified confidential as they refer to the security situation of a witness.

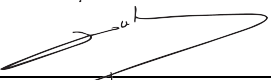
III. Observations

3. The witness is a sixty-nine-year-old female of Central Africa Republic (CAR) nationality; she is married with three adult children and resides in Bangui. She served as the interim President of CAR between 2014 and 2016. The witness is now considered as a retired civil servant, but maintains a prominent position within CAR’s civil society.
4. The witness was interviewed [REDACTED] for a previous assessment and reinterviewed on [REDACTED] in view of her forthcoming appearance. The process was explained to the witness, the latter understood the protection measures and did not request any in-court protective measures.
5. The witness indicated to the VWU that she has no current personal security issues and that [REDACTED]. The witness expects to be targeted on social media following her testimony but resigns to this situation.

¹ Trial Chamber V “Order regarding the Remainder of the Prosecution’s Presentation of Evidence and Order pursuant to Article 64(6)(d) of the Statute”, ICC-01/14-01/18-1739-Conf and ICC-01/14-01/18-1739- Red, 31 January 2023.

² Email from Trial Chamber V Communications, dated 16 October 2023 at 12:43.

6. The VWU notes that the witness has not reported any specific security concerns, and that she is provided [REDACTED] due to her former position and ongoing official status. The VWU further notes that the witness is well known throughout the country, including to all Anti-Balaka leaders and the accused persons, and thus confirms its previous analysis and assessment.
7. Based on the information available to the VWU and the witness' willingness to testify publicly, the Unit does not recommend any in-court protective measures.



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

Dated this 20 February 2026
At The Hague, the Netherlands