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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 on the
«REQUÊTE AUX FINS DE MESURES DE PROTECTION DE TÉMOIN» (ICC-
01/14-01/18-590-US)”, ICC-01/14-01/18-605-Conf, filed on 28 July 2020**

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Duty Counsel [REDACTED]

I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to the email instruction¹ issued on 21 July 2020 by Trial Chamber V of the International Criminal Court (“Chamber” and “Court”, respectively), the Victims and Witnesses Unit of the Registry (“VWU”) hereby submits its observations on the “Requête aux fins de mesures de protection de témoin” (“Request”) filed by Duty Counsel of witness [REDACTED] on 17 July 2020.²

II. Classification

2. In accordance with regulation 23 *bis* (1) of the Regulations of the Court, the present observations are classified Under Seal because they refer to the Request with the same classification.

III. Background

3. On 16 July 2020, Duty Counsel of witness [REDACTED]³ submitted his Request, requesting *inter alia* the Chamber to grant certain protection measures [REDACTED].
4. On 21 July 2020, the Chamber, considering that it would be assisted to receive the VWU’s views on this matter, instructed the VWU to file observations by the deadline applicable to the parties.
5. On 23 July 2020, the VWU submitted a brief report [REDACTED]⁴ and on the same day, the Chamber instructed the VWU to file its observations in the case record.⁵

¹ Email from Trial Chamber V to the VWU dated 21 July 2020 at 12:09.

² Duty Counsel of [REDACTED] « Requête aux fins de mesures de protection de témoin », ICC-01/14-01/18-590-US, 17 July 2020.

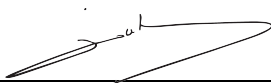
³ [REDACTED].

⁴ Email from the VWU to the Chamber and the parties and participants dated 23 July 2020 at 11:03.

⁵ Email from the Chamber to the VWU dated 23 July 2020 at 17:29.

IV. Observations

6. First and foremost, the VWU informs the Chamber that [REDACTED] is not known to the Unit. The Prosecution has neither introduced [REDACTED] to the VWU nor has it consulted with the latter in relation to this witness. In addition, the VWU has never met or made contact with the said witness.
7. Nevertheless, following the instruction of the Chamber dated 21 July 2020, the VWU [REDACTED].
8. At the outset, the VWU notes that [REDACTED].
9. There is nothing known to the VWU to suggest that this witness is at any particular risk. The Request suggests that the witness is [REDACTED]. The VWU considers that the [REDACTED].
10. In any event, should the Prosecution be aware of any specific security risk arising from the witness' involvement with the Court, the VWU invites the Prosecution to convey such information to the Unit, for it to conduct any necessary assessment.



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