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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 NGAÏSSONA***

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**Public Redacted Version of “Victims and Witnesses Unit’s Third Report regarding the Progress on the Implementation of Protective Measures for P-2582 and P-2620”,
ICC-01/14-01/18-752-Conf-Red2, filed on 01 March 2021**

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I. Introduction

1. The Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU” or “Unit”) submits the present report pursuant to Trial Chamber V’s (“Chamber”) email dated 6 November 2020 (“Decision”)¹ ordering the Unit to report on the progress of implementing protective measures for P-2582 and P-2620 by 4 December 2020.

II. Classification

2. In accordance with regulation 23 *bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”) the present report is classified as confidential *ex parte* as it contains confidential information pertaining to witnesses’ security. A confidential redacted version of this report is being filed simultaneously.

III. Background

3. On 21 August 2020, the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) filed a request seeking an extension of time to disclose the identities and other materials of, *inter alia*, witnesses P-2582 and P-2620 (“Request”).²
4. On 28 August 2020, pursuant to the Chamber’s instruction³, the VWU submitted its observations on the Request (“Observations”).⁴ In its Observations the VWU reported to the Chamber on its operational capacity which has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and provided the Chamber with specific observations in relation to the two witnesses.
5. In its Observations, the VWU also noted the risk to the witnesses once their identity and or associated evidence is disclosed. The risk at this stage was assessed to be unmanageable [REDACTED] before such disclosure takes place.⁵

¹ Trial Chamber V, Email from Trial Chamber V Communications, 6 November 2020, at 19:43.

² Office of the Prosecutor, “Prosecution’s Request pursuant to Regulation 35 to vary the Time Limit for disclosure of evidence related to trial witnesses listed on the Preliminary Witness”, 21 August 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-628Conf-Exp and ICC-01/14-01/18-628-Conf-Red.

³ Trial Chamber V, Email from Trial Chamber V Communications, 24 August 2020, at 12:32.

⁴ Registry, “Victims and Witnesses Unit’s Observations on the “Prosecution’s Request pursuant to Regulation 35 to vary the Time Limit for Disclosure of evidence related to trial witnesses listed on the Preliminary Witness List”, 28 August 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-635-Conf-Exp and ICC-01/14-01/18-635- Conf-Red.

⁵ Registry, “Victims and Witnesses Unit’s Observations on the “Prosecution’s Request pursuant to Regulation 35 to vary the Time Limit for Disclosure of evidence related to trial witnesses listed on the Preliminary Witness List”, 28 August 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-635-Conf-Exp, paragraph 6.

6. On 21 September 2020, the VWU reported that despite its continuing limited operational capacity, it was making all possible efforts to ensure that the two witnesses [REDACTED] in order to [REDACTED] ("First Report").⁶
7. On 21 October 2020, the VWU filed a second report on the implementation of protection measures for the two witnesses, stating that, among others, considering all pending issues described in the report, it could not provide a more precise timeline ("Second Report").⁷

IV. Report

8. The restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 continue to negatively impact the VWU's operations. The VWU experiences delays due to the mandatory prerequisites connected to the COVID-19 as there has not been any significant changes since the Second Report.
9. The VWU is committed to do its utmost to implement the necessary protection measures for the two witnesses and provides herewith the latest information with regards to [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

A. Witness P-2582

10. [REDACTED]. Consequently, the [REDACTED] was slightly delayed and could only be completed on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].
11. Furthermore, the limited capacity of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].
12. [REDACTED]. The VWU is of the view that only then the protection measures could be considered as fully implemented.

B. Witness P-2620

13. Following the scheduled [REDACTED] which was completed on [REDACTED], the witness has indicated [REDACTED] as opposed to what has been previously indicated. [REDACTED].
14. [REDACTED].

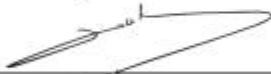
⁶ Registry, "Victims and Witnesses Unit's First Report regarding the progress on the Implementation of Protective Measures for P-2582 and P-2620, 21 September 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-661-Conf-Exp, paragraph 8.

⁷ Registry, "Victims and Witnesses Unit's Observations on the "Prosecution's Request pursuant to Regulation 35 to vary the Time Limit for Disclosure of evidence related to trial witnesses listed on the Preliminary Witness List", 28 August 2002, ICC-01/14-01/18-693-Conf-Exp, paragraph 18.

15. [REDACTED]. The VWU is of the view that only then the protection measures could be considered as fully implemented.

V. Conclusion

16. Bearing in mind the current planning, the VWU stands ready to inform the Chamber immediately once the protection measures intended for the two witnesses are fully implemented or of any other relevant information requiring its attention.



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on behalf of Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 24 February 2026
At The Hague, the Netherlands