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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 First Report regarding
the Progress on the Implementation of Protective Measures for P-2582 and P-2620”,
ICC-01/14-01/18-661-Conf-Exp, filed on 21 September 2020**

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I. Introduction

1. The Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU” or “Unit”) submits this report pursuant to Trial Chamber V’s (“Chamber”) instruction dated 3 September 2020¹ and decision dated 11 September 2020 (“Decision”)² instructing the Unit to submit a report by 21 September 2020 on the progress made on the implementation of protective measures for P-2582 and P-2620.

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 following a Decision with the same classification and as it contains confidential information pertaining to witness security. A confidential redacted version of this report is being filed simultaneously.

III. Background

3. On 24 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”).³
4. On 28 August 2020, pursuant to the Chamber’s instruction, the VWU submitted its observations on the Request (“Observations”).⁴ In its Observations the VWU reported to the Chamber on the VWU’s operational capacity which has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and provided the Chamber with its specific observations in relation to the two witnesses.

¹ Trial Chamber V, Email from Trial Chamber V Communications, 3 September 2020, at 15:36.

² Trial Chamber V, “Decision on the Prosecution Request to Vary the Time Limit for Disclosure of Evidence related to Witnesses on the Preliminary Witness List”, 11 September 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18- 648-Conf-Exp and ICC-01/14-01/18-648-Conf-Red.

³ 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.

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 2022, ICC-01/14-01/18-635-Conf-Exp and ICC-01/14-01/18-635- Conf-Red.

IV. Report

5. As previously stated in its Observations, [REDACTED], [REDACTED].
6. In addition to the need to observe the restrictions imposed on physical distancing [REDACTED] the VWU must also adhere to [REDACTED] both in relation to the VWU staff and in relation to the witnesses whom the VWU staff needs to interact with.
7. The VWU informs the Chamber that there have been no significant changes regarding the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 and its impact to the VWU's operations. Therefore, it continues to experience the same limitations in order to perform the necessary assessment of the two witnesses.
8. The VWU is nevertheless making all possible efforts to ensure that the two witnesses would have the necessary [REDACTED] in order to avoid any delay [REDACTED].⁵
9. Currently, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. The VWU is hopeful that with some mitigation measures this can take place in the coming weeks.
10. However the VWU stresses that even [REDACTED], the ability of the VWU [REDACTED] remains subject to other factors such as the [REDACTED], the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19, [REDACTED].



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

Dated this 24 February 2026
 At The Hague, the Netherlands

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 2002, ICC-01/14-01/18-635-Conf-Exp, para.6.