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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 Second Report regarding
the Progress on the Implementation of Protective Measures for P-2582 and P-2620”,
ICC-01/14-01/18-693-Conf-Exp, filed on 21 October 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 second report by 21 October 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 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”).³
4. On 28 August 2020, pursuant to the Chamber’s instruction⁴, the VWU submitted its observations on the Request (“Observations”).⁵ 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 Trial Chamber V, Email from Trial Chamber V Communications, 24 August 2020, at 12:32.

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

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].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] ("First Report").⁷

IV. Report

7. The restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 remain the same and still negatively impact the VWU's operations. Despite its efforts [REDACTED] the two witnesses, the Unit continues to experience the same limitations in its operations. This coupled with [REDACTED] due to the COVID-19 pandemic, creates even more difficulties for the VWU [REDACTED] for the witnesses.
8. The VWU provides herewith the latest information with regards to [REDACTED] witnesses P-2582 and P-2620.

A. Witness P-2582

9. In its First Report, the VWU reported that it was making all possible efforts [REDACTED].⁸ [REDACTED].
10. Moreover, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. The VWU is making all efforts to ensure that this assessment can take place in the coming weeks, which is mainly dependent on the witness's availability.
11. Simultaneously, the VWU is arranging [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].
12. Should the outcome of the [REDACTED].

B. Witness P-2620

13. Similarly, [REDACTED].
14. In addition, [REDACTED]. The VWU has contacted the witness [REDACTED].

⁶ 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, paragraph 6.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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.

15. However, in an assessment conducted by the VWU [REDACTED].
16. The VWU has communicated this wish to the Prosecution. In accordance with its protection mandate, the VWU will discuss this possibility further with the witness and properly address with her, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].
17. Once these steps are completed, [REDACTED].

V. Conclusion

18. Considering all the pending issues, the VWU at this point in time cannot provide a more precise timeline [REDACTED]. The VWU has informed the Prosecution of all the efforts that have been taken [REDACTED] and wishes to assure the Chamber of the same.
19. Once the VWU has more specific information regarding the timeline [REDACTED], it will immediately inform the Chamber accordingly.



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on behalf of Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 24 February 2026
At The Hague, the Netherlands