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TRIAL CHAMBER V

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
Judge Péter Kovács
Judge Chang-ho Chung
Judge Beti Hohler, Alternate Judge

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

**IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. ALFRED YEKATOM AND PATRICE-EDOUARD
NGAISSONA***

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With Public Redacted Versions of Annexes I-V

**Public Redacted Version of "Registry's Transmission of the Declarations made by
Defence Witnesses D29-6017, D29-6043, D29-6044, D29-6046 and D29-6034
pursuant to Rule 68(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence", ICC-01/14-
01/18-2602-Conf, 22 July 2024**

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I – Introduction

1. Following Trial Chamber V's ("Chamber" or "Single Judge", as appropriate) "Decision on Yekatom Defence Request Certification of Witness Statements" ("Single Judge's Decision"),¹ and the "Second Decision on Yekatom Defence Requests for the Formal Submission of Prior Recorded Testimonies Pursuant to Rule 68(2)(b) and Related Requests" ("Second Decision"),² the Registry hereby transmits documentation in relation to the prior recorded testimony of witnesses D29-6017 ("Witness D29-6017"), D29-6043 ("Witness D29-6043"), D29-6044 ("Witness D29-6044"), D29-6046 ("Witness D29-6046"), and D29-6034 ("Witness D29-6034").
2. This transmission is made in accordance with rule 68(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules") and the Single Judge's and Second Decisions.

II - Classification

3. Pursuant to regulation 23 *bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court, the present submission is classified as "confidential" because it refers to details of internal procedures between Registry officials and witnesses that are usually kept confidential. The annexes to the present submission are classified as confidential *ex parte* only available to the defence for Mr Yekatom ("Defence") and the Registry because they contain, *inter alia*, the identifying information of Witnesses D29-6017, D29-6043, D29-6044, D29-6046, and D29-6034 which the Defence seeks to redact as further detailed below.

¹ E-mail from Trial Chamber V to Yekatom Defence, "Decision on Yekatom Defence Request Certification of Witness Statements" ("Single Judge's Decision"), 30 October 2023 at 08.56. This decision concerns Witnesses D29-6043, D29-6044, D29-6046.

² Trial Chamber V, "Second Decision on Yekatom Defence Requests for the Formal Submission of Prior Recorded Testimonies Pursuant to Rule 68(2)(b) and Related Requests" ("Second Decision"), 26 March 2024, ICC-01/14-01/18-2424-Conf. This decision concerns Witnesses D29-6017 and D29-6034.

III - Submission

4. Following the Chamber's decision to designate the Chief of the Registry Legal Office ("RLO") to conduct the certification process in the present case,³ the latter delegated his authority to several Registry Officials (designated for each witness as "Witnessing Officer") to witness the declarations relating to Witnesses D29-6017, D29-6043, D29-6044, D29-6046, and D29-6034 pursuant to rule 68(2)(b)(iii) of the Rules.
5. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6017 remotely through appropriate video technology.
6. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witnesses D29-6043 and D29-6044 remotely through appropriate video technology.
7. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6046 remotely through appropriate video technology.
8. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6034 remotely through appropriate video technology.
9. On 19 July 2024,⁴ in accordance with the procedure for redactions adopted in the present case,⁵ the Defence provided the RLO with justification for the redaction

³ Trial Chamber V, "Decision on the Prosecution's Request to Designate a Person Authorised to Witness a Declaration under Rule 68(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence", 6 May 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-508.

⁴ Email from Defence to the RLO on 19 July 2024 at 16:30.

⁵ Trial Chamber V, Annex 3 to the "Decision on Protocols at Trial", 8 October 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-677-Anx3.

of, *inter alia*, identifying information of all the above-mentioned Witnesses, namely to protect their safety. In particular, the Defence has applied proposed redactions highlighting the text in yellow for the category B.5 information. Consequently, should the Chamber authorise the redactions sought by the Defence, RLO will be in a position to file a confidential redacted version of the appended documents.

22. Accordingly, the Registry transmits the following documents:

Annex I: Declaration of Witness D29-6017; and

Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6017.

Annex II: Declaration of Witness D29-6043; and

Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6043.

Annex III: Declaration of Witness D29-6044; and

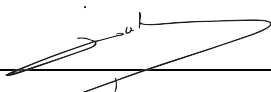
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6044.

Annex IV: Declaration of Witness D29-6046;

Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6046.

Annex V: Declaration of Witness D29-6034;

Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6034.



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

Dated this 25 February 2026

The Hague, the Netherlands