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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-XVI

Public Redacted Version of “Registry’s Transmission of the Declarations made by Defence Witnesses D29-6027, D29-6022, D29-6019, D29-6013, D29-6010, D29-6012, D29-6011, D29-6018, D29-6039, D29-3015, D29-5016, D29-6037, D29-6033, D29-6024, D29-7011 and D29-6030 pursuant to Rule 68(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence”, ICC-01/14-01/18-2525-Conf, 10 June 2024

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I – Introduction

1. Following Trial Chamber V (“Chamber” or “Single Judge” as appropriate)’s “Decision on Yekatom Defence Request Certification of Witness Statements” (“Single Judge’s Decision”),¹ the “Decision on Yekatom Defence Requests for Formal Submission of Prior Recorded Testimonies Pursuant to Rule 68(2)(b) and 68(3)” (“First Decision”),² 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”),³ the Registry hereby transmits documentation in relation to the prior recorded testimony of witnesses D29-6027 (“Witness D29-6027”), D29-6022 (“Witness D29-6022”), D29-6019 (“Witness D29-6019”), D29-6013 (“Witness D29-6013”), D29-6010 (“Witness D29-6010”), D29-6012 (“Witness D29-6012”), D29-6011 (“Witness D29-6011”), D29-6018 (“Witness D29-6018”), D29-6039 (“Witness D29-6039”), D29-3015 (“Witness D29-3015”), D29-5016 (“Witness D29-5016”), D29-6037 (“Witness D29-6037”), D29-6033 (“Witness D29-6033”), D29-6024 (“Witness D29-6024”), D29-7011 (“Witness D29-7011”), and D29-6030 (“Witness D29-6030”).
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, First 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

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.

² Trial Chamber V, “Decision on Yekatom Defence Requests for Formal Submission of Prior Recorded Testimonies Pursuant to Rule 68(2)(b) and 68(3)” (“First Decision”), 18 December 2023, ICC-01/14-01/18-2272-Conf.

³ 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.

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 D29-6027, D29-6022, D29-6019, D29-6013, D29-6010, D29-6012, D29-6011, D29-6018, D29-6039, D29-3015, D29-5016, D29-6037, D29-6033, D29-6024, D29-7011 and D29-6030, which the Defence seeks to redact as further detailed below.

III - Submission

4. Pursuant to rule 68(2)(b)(iii) of the Rules, the Chief of the Registry Legal Office (“RLO”) delegated his authority to several Registry Officials (designated for each witness as “Witnessing Officer”) to witness the declarations relating to Witnesses D29-6027, D29-6022, D29-6019, D29-6013, D29-6010, D29-6012, D29-6011, D29-6018, D29-6039, D29-3015, D29-5016, D29-6037, D29-6033, D29-6024, D29-7011 and D29-6030.⁴
5. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6027 remotely through appropriate video technology.
6. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6022 remotely through appropriate video technology.
7. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6019 remotely through appropriate video technology.

⁴ 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.

8. On 6 November 2023, the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6013 remotely through appropriate video technology.
9. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6010 remotely through appropriate video technology.
10. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6012 remotely through appropriate video technology.
11. On 6 December 2023, the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6011 remotely through appropriate video technology.
12. On 7 December 2023, the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6018 remotely through appropriate video technology.
13. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6039 remotely through appropriate video technology.
14. On 5 February 2024, the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-3015 remotely through appropriate video technology.
15. On 12 February 2024, the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-5016 remotely through appropriate video technology.

16. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6037 remotely through appropriate video technology.
17. On [REDACTED], the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6033 remotely through appropriate video technology.
18. On 19 February 2024, the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6024 remotely through appropriate video technology.
19. On 30 April 2024, the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-7011 remotely through appropriate video technology.
20. On 22 May 2024, the Witnessing Officer conducted the certification of the prior recorded testimony pertaining to Witness D29-6030 remotely through appropriate video technology.
21. On 7 June 2024,⁵ in accordance with the procedure for redactions adopted in the present case,⁶ the Defence provided the Registry Legal Office (“RLO”) with justification for the redaction 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, in blue for the category A.6 and in green for the category B.2 information.⁷ Consequently, should the Chamber authorise the redactions

⁵ Email from Defence to the RLO on 7 June at 17:40.

⁶ Trial Chamber V, Annex 3 to the “Decision on Protocols at Trial”, 8 October 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-677-Anx3.

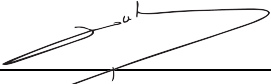
⁷ Email from Defence to the RLO on 7 June at 17:40.

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 D29-6027; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6027.
- Annex II: Declaration of Witness D29-6022; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6022.
- Annex III: Declaration of Witness D29-6019; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6019.
- Annex IV: Declaration of Witness D29-6013;
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6013;
and
Amendments to the Prior Recorded Testimony of Witness D29-6013.
- Annex V: Declaration of Witness D29-6010;
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6010;
and
Amendments to the Prior Recorded Testimony of Witness D29-6010.
- Annex VI: Declaration of Witness D29-6012; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6012.
- Annex VII: Declaration of Witness D29-6011; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6011.
- Annex VIII: Declaration of Witness D29-6018; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6018.
- Annex IX: Declaration of Witness D29-6039;
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6039;
and
Amendments to the Prior Recorded Testimony of Witness D29-6039.
- Annex X: Declaration of Witness D29-3015; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-3015.
- Annex XI: Declaration of Witness D29-5016; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-5016.

- Annex XII: Declaration of Witness D29-6037; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6037.
- Annex XIII: Declaration of Witness D29-6033; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6033.
- Annex XIV: Declaration of Witness D29-6024;
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6024;
and
Amendments to the Prior Recorded Testimony of Witness D29-6024.
- Annex XV: Declaration of Witness D29-7011; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-7011.
- Annex XVI: Declaration of Witness D29-6030; and
Attestation of the Witnessing Officer with respect to Witness D29-6030.



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

Dated this 25 February 2026
The Hague, the Netherlands