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Before: Judge Beti Hohler, Presiding Judge
Judge Joanna Korner
Judge Keebong Paek

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 “Common Legal Representative of Victims’
Request for a limited extension of time limit to submit observations on
reparations” (ICC-01/14-01/18-2883-Conf)**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”), the Common Legal Representatives of Victims of Other Crimes (hereafter the “CLR”) request a limited extension of the deadline to submit their observations on reparations until 10 April 2026.

2. They posit that a limited two-weeks extension of time is necessary in order to fully inform the Trial Chamber of the views and concerns of their clients concerning reparations, including that of the victims residing in [REDACTED] who they will be able to meet only at the beginning of March 2026.

3. Logistical difficulties in organising missions to [REDACTED] where a group of victims currently reside and security concerns have indeed impeded consultations with the concerned individuals for a certain period of time. The CLR submit that this circumstance, as explained *infra*, constitutes good cause in the terms of regulation 35 of the Regulations.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

4. On 24 July 2025, Trial Chamber V, in its previous composition, convicted Mr Alfred Yekatom and Mr Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona for 27 counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes.¹

5. On 8 October 2025, Trial Chamber V issued an “Order for Submissions on Reparations” (hereinafter the “Order”), setting the date of 26 March 2026 for the CLR to make submissions on a number of reparations issues.²

¹ Trial Chamber V, The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona, Judgment with Public Annexes A and B, ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Red, 24 July 2025, pp. 1608-1616.

² Trial Chamber V, The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona, Order for Submissions on Reparations, ICC-01/14-01/18-2821, 8 October 2025, pp. 4-6.

III. CLASSIFICATION

6. Pursuant to regulation 23bis (2) of the Regulation, this document is filed as “Confidential”, as it contains information related to the work of the legal representatives in the field and reference to the location of some of their clients. A public redacted version will be filed in due course.

IV. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT

7. Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations provides that “[t]he Chamber may extend or reduce a time limit if good cause is shown”.³

8. Since the issuance of the Order, the CLRV have undertaken to widely consult with the victims in order to convey their views and concerns as accurately as possible to the Trial Chamber. A significant portion of the CLRV’s clients are residing in Chad and it is of paramount importance that their views are comprehensively reflected in the upcoming submissions, taking into account notably that their situation is peculiar and is therefore likely to call for tailored reparations measures.

9. In that spirit, after the issuance of the Order, the CLRV have diligently taken the necessary administrative and logistical steps to organise a mission to Chad in order to meet with the victims as soon as practicable. Unfortunately, the first feasible opportunity to carry out such mission is from [REDACTED].

10. In this regard, the mission should have been originally held between 16 and 30 January 2026. However, the necessary visa for counsel from the Chadian authorities was only obtained on 29 December 2025. This in turn required to postpone the travel in order to comply with the requirements of the Counsel Support Section that requests

³ See Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court.

can only be submitted once a visa is already sought **and obtained**, and at least, a month ahead of the anticipated mission date.⁴

11. The first possible date to reschedule the mission is [REDACTED], as a result of competing professional constraints of a legal representative, and, most importantly, the necessity to address a number of security challenges arising in connection with the fact that [REDACTED].

12. The CLRV have acted diligently to organise the mission and they could not have anticipated the above mentioned developments and the impact on their ability to submit observations by 26 March 2026.

13. The CLRV submit that it is quintessential for the CLRV to collect the views and concerns of victims residing in said area in order to fully inform the Trial Chamber of their needs and of the specificities of their current situation. These individuals have been waiting [REDACTED] and feel discriminated compared to the victims residing in [REDACTED] or its surroundings. In the absence of the collection of their views, the CLRV's observations will necessary be defective and unrepresentative of all victims' needs on reparations.

14. Separately, Counsel from the OPCV will also undertake her third and last mission to CAR to collect the views of the victims during the first half of March 2026.

15. Therefore, the CLRV submit that an additional two weeks is necessary in order to be able to fully incorporate the views and concerns of all victims in the observations on reparations. This minimal variation of time limit would not negatively affect the expeditious conduct of the reparations proceedings. Instead, it will enable the CLRV

⁴ The CLRV had submitted a mission request already on 15 December 2025 in order to respect the 30 days deadline imposed by CSS but unfortunately, they were informed that mission requests can only be submitted once a visa is obtained.

to better assist the Trial Chamber by submitting comprehensive observations on reparations.

V. CONCLUSION

16. For these reasons, the CLRV respectfully request the Trial Chamber to extend the deadline to submit their observations on reparations until 10 April 2026.



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