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**No. ICC-01/14-01/18 A2
Date: 31 March 2026**

THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa, Presiding
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza
Judge Kimberly Prost
Judge Gocha Lordkipanidze
Judge Erdenebalsuren Damdin

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

**IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. ALFRED YEKATOM AND
PATRICE-ÉDOUARD NGAÏSSONA**

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Order concerning future issues relating to restrictions of Mr Ngaïssona's contact

Order to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court to:

☒ **The Office of the Prosecutor**

☒ **Counsel for the Defence**

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☒ **Legal Representatives of the Victims**
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☐ **Legal Representatives of the Applicants**

☐ **Unrepresented Victims**

☐ **Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)**

☐ **The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

☐ **The Office of Public Counsel for the
Defence**

☐ **States' Representatives**

☐ **Amicus Curiae**

REGISTRY

Registrar
Mr Osvaldo Zavala Giler

☐ **Counsel Support Section**

☒ **Victims and Witnesses Unit**

☒ **Detention Section**

☐ **Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

☒ **Other**
Trial Chamber V

The Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court,

In the appeals of the Deputy Prosecutor, Mr Alfred Yekatom and Mr Patrice-Édouard Ngaïssona against the decision of Trial Chamber V entitled “Judgment” of 24 July 2025 (ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Red),

Issues the following

ORDER

The Appeals Chamber directs that all future reports or requests, as well as any issues relating to Mr Ngaïssona’s contact restrictions, shall henceforth be addressed to Trial Chamber V.

REASONS

1. On 24 July 2025, Trial Chamber V (hereinafter: “Trial Chamber”) rendered the “Judgment”.¹
2. On 19 August 2025, the Presidency recomposed the Trial Chamber.²
3. On 5 February 2026, the Appeals Chamber rendered its decision on the most recent of the biannual Registry reports on the implementation of restrictions of Mr Ngaïssona’s contacts.³
4. The Appeals Chamber directs that all future reports or requests, as well as any issues arising thereto relating to Mr Ngaïssona’s contact restrictions, shall henceforth be addressed to the Trial Chamber, which will assume responsibility for their continued oversight and, where necessary, modification. In this regard, the Appeals Chamber recalls that once a decision on conviction or acquittal has been appealed against, it “has jurisdiction to address not only the appeal itself, but also, within the legal framework of the

¹ [Judgment](#), ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Conf, with Annexes A, B (public redacted version filed on the same day, ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Red).

² [Decision replacing Judges in Trial Chamber V](#), ICC-01/14-01/18-2801.

³ [Decision on fourteenth Registry report on the implementation of the restrictions on contacts of Mr Ngaïssona](#), ICC-01/14-01/18-2872.

Court, any matter related to that case”.⁴ However, certain matters would more appropriately be dealt with by the relevant trial chamber, for instance where that chamber already deals with related issues⁵ or in order to preserve possible recourse to appellate review.⁶ The Appeals Chamber therefore finds that it would be more appropriate for the Trial Chamber to deal with further matters related to restrictions to Mr Ngaïssona’s contact.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa
Presiding

Dated this 31st day of March 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁴ *The Prosecutor v. Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*, [Order on the implementation of the cooperation agreement between the Court and the Democratic Republic of the Congo concluded pursuant article 93 \(7\) of the Statute](#), 20 January 2014, ICC-01/04-02/12-158 (A), para. 19.

⁵ *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, [Decision on Mr Bemba’s request for measures concerning the availability of funds](#), 4 September 2017, ICC-01/05-01/08-3560 (A), para. 8.

⁶ *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo and Charles Blé Goudé*, [Decision on counsel for Mr Gbagbo’s requests \(ICC-02/11-01/15-1408-tENG and ICC-02/11-01/15-1410-tENG\)](#), 15 October 2021, ICC-02/11-01/15-1422 (A), para. 18.