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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

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

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II
IN THE CASE OF *PROSECUTOR v. ALFRED YEKATOM AND PATRICE-
EDOUARD NGAÏSSONA***

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Public redacted version of “Prosecution’s Request for Leave to Reply to *Yekatom* Defence Observations on ‘Prosecution’s Request to Modify Conditions of Detention’ (ICC-01/14-01/18-2868-Conf-Exp)”, ICC-01/14-01/18-2870-Conf-Exp, 30 January 2026

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to regulations 24(5) and 34(c) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”), the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) requests leave to reply to the 28 January 2026 Yekatom Defence Observations on Prosecution’s Request to Modify Conditions of Detention (“Defence Observations”).¹

2. Following the provision of the name of Yekatom’s unauthorised collocutor, the Prosecution has identified information, non-public and public, regarding [REDACTED] past and present associations which give rise to further concerns regarding [REDACTED] illicit contact with Yekatom. The Prosecution considers that this information should be ventilated, such that the prevailing circumstances and the attendant risks may be more fully identified and assessed, particularly in view of the Yekatom Defence’s submissions.

3. To this extent, a limited and focused reply would materially assist the Appeals Chamber (“Chamber”) in the disposition of the pending Request.²

II. CONFIDENTIALITY

4. Pursuant to regulation 23*bis*(2) of the RoC, this submission is classified as “Ex Parte” as it concerns filings of the same designation. A confidential redacted version will be filed as soon as practicable.

III. SUBMISSIONS

5. Given the redactions applied to the transcript provided by the Registry regarding Yekatom’s 20 December 2025 unauthorised contact, the Prosecution was not

¹ See ICC-01/14-01/18-2868-Conf-Exp.

² See ICC-01/14-01/18-2867-Conf-Exp.

able to fully present the extent and nature of the risks attending his (now admitted³) circumvention of the Chamber's order.

6. As noted, since [REDACTED] name was revealed as Yekatom's unauthorised collocutor,⁴ the Prosecution has identified a number of [REDACTED] links to entities and/or individuals relevant to this case. Some of these individuals were previously implicated in improper contact with witnesses. As the particulars of this information are material to the Chamber's disposition of the present matter, the Prosecution seeks the Chamber's leave to present it in reply to the Yekatom Defence Observations.

7. A limited reply will further contextualise the concerns set out in the Prosecution's Observations, as well as address the Defence's representations concerning the collocutor, [REDACTED] activities, and/or associations. Moreover, this will assist the Chamber in the determination of the pending matter.

IV. CONCLUSION

8. For the above reasons, the Prosecution respectfully seeks leave to reply to the Defence Observations.



Mame Mandiaye Niang, Deputy Prosecutor

Dated this 17th April 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands

³ See ICC-01/14-01/18-2868-Conf-Exp, paras. 6-7. The Prosecution notes the Registry's [REDACTED] ICC-01/14-01/18-2869-Conf-Exp-Red, para.16 – and reserves its right to address this matter separately upon receiving further information.

⁴ See ICC-01/14-01/18-2868-Conf-Exp, para. 4. Note that [REDACTED] is also known, *inter alia*, [REDACTED] social media profiles reflect.