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Judge Joanna Korner
Judge Keebong Paek

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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

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**Decision on the Yekatom Defence's urgent request for extension of time to respond to
the submissions on reparations**

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

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☒ **Counsel for the Defence**

Yekatom Defence

Ngaïssona Defence

☒ **Legal Representatives of Victims**

Common Legal Representatives of Victims
of Other Crimes

☐ **Unrepresented Victims**

☐ **Unrepresented Applicants for
Reparations**

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

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

☒ **States Representatives**

Central African Republic

☒ **Trust Fund for Victims**

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Trial Chamber V (the ‘Chamber’) of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona* (the ‘*Yekatom and Ngaïssona* case’), having regard to article 75 of the Rome Statute (the ‘Statute’) and regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the ‘Regulations’), issues this ‘Decision on the Yekatom Defence’s urgent request for extension of time to respond to the submissions on reparations’.¹

1. On 24 July 2025, the Chamber, in a previous composition, issued its judgment and convicted Mr Alfred Yekatom (‘Mr Yekatom’),² and Mr Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona (‘Mr Ngaïssona’).³
2. On 8 October 2025, the Chamber issued its ‘Order for Submissions on Reparations’, in which, *inter alia*, it instructed the parties and participants to make submissions on reparations by 27 March 2026.⁴
3. On 5 March 2026, the Chamber granted a request of the Common Legal Representatives of Victims of Other Crimes (‘CLRv’) for a limited extension of time to submit its observations on reparations,⁵ and instructed the parties and participants to file their observations by 13 April 2026, with responses to be filed on 13 May 2026.⁶
4. Between 26 March 2026 and 15 April 2026, the Defence of Mr Yekatom (the ‘Yekatom Defence’) and the Defence of Mr Ngaïssona (the ‘Ngaïssona Defence’), the Prosecution, the CLRv, the Registry, the Human Rights Centre of the Queen’s University of Belfast, the *Association des Réintégréés en Centrafrique* (ARC-EN-CIEL), as well as the Trust Fund for Victims (‘TFV’) submitted their observations on reparations.⁷

¹ To the extent that this decision refers to information contained in confidential documents, the Chamber considers that the information referenced does not require a confidential classification.

² Judgment, ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Conf (with public Annexes A and B) ([public redacted version](#) notified on the same day, ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Red) (the ‘Judgment’), pp. 1608-1611.

³ [Judgment](#), ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Red, pp. 1611-1615.

⁴ [Order for Submissions on Reparations](#), ICC-01/14-01/18-2821, para. 6.

⁵ Common Legal Representative of Victims’ Request for a limited extension of time limit to submit observations on reparations, 23 February 2026, ICC-01/14-01/18-2883-Conf ([public redacted version](#) notified on 10 March 2026, ICC-01/14-01/18-2883-Red).

⁶ [Decision on the Common Legal Representative of Victims’ request for extension of time to submit observations on reparations](#), ICC-01/14-01/18-2889, paras 6-7.

⁷ Human Rights Centre, Queen’s University Belfast, [Submission on Reparations](#), 26 March 2026, ICC-01/14-01/18-2895; CLRv, Submissions on Reparations on behalf of Victims, ICC-01/14-01/18-2899-Red; Prosecution, [Prosecution’s Observations on Reparations](#), 13 April 2026, ICC-01/14-01/18-2900; Defence of Ngaïssona, [Defence submissions pursuant to the "Order for Submissions on Reparations"](#), 13 April 2026, ICC-01/14-01/18-2903; Defence of Yekatom, Yekatom Defence Observations on Reparations, 13 April 2026, ICC-01/14-01/18-2904-Conf; Registry, Registry Victim Mapping Report and Observations on Reparations, 13 April 2026, ICC-

5. On 22 April 2026, the Yekatom Defence filed an urgent request for an extension of time to respond to the submissions on reparations (the ‘Request’),⁸ seeking an extension of time limit of one month (with a new proposed deadline on 13 June 2026).⁹ The Defence informs the Chamber of concurring critical appellate deadlines which hindered its ability to engage in complex submissions of the other parties and the participants earlier,¹⁰ of additional constraints,¹¹ and refers to the importance of being able to meaningfully challenge the information contained in the other parties’ and participants’ submissions on reparations.¹²
6. On 22 April 2026, the Single Judge instructed the parties to file their responses to the Request no later than 24 April 2026 at 16:00.¹³
7. On 23 April 2026, the CLRV filed its response to the Request,¹⁴ submitting that it is in the interest of victims that the reparations proceedings be conducted as expeditiously as possible. Taking note of the constraints faced by the Yekatom Defence due to the parallel ongoing proceedings, the CLRV submits that it does not oppose a limited extension of time to file the responses to the submissions until 1 June 2026.¹⁵
8. On 24 April 2026, the Ngaïssona Defence filed its response to the Request.¹⁶ The Defence supports the Request, presents additional arguments and requests the same extension of time.¹⁷
9. Having considered the submissions, and noting that the parties do not object to an extension of time, the Chamber finds that good cause is shown within the meaning of regulation 35(2) of the Regulations to warrant an extension of time and grants the request

01/14-01/18-2905-Conf; *Association des Réintégréés en Centrafrique (ARC-EN-CIEL)*, [Submission of ARC-EN-CIEL on Reparations Issues \(Amicus Curiae\)](#), 13 April 2026, ICC-01/14-01/18-2906; Trust Fund for Victims, *Observations Relevant to Reparations*, 15 April 2026, ICC-01/14-01/18-2907-Conf.

⁸ Yekatom Defence Urgent Request for Extension of Time to Respond to the Submissions on Reparations, ICC-01/14-01/18-2911-Conf, paras 22-23.

⁹ Request, ICC-01/14-01/18-2911-Conf, para. 23.

¹⁰ Request, ICC-01/14-01/18-2911-Conf, paras 10-11.

¹¹ Request, ICC-01/14-01/18-2911-Conf, paras 12-14.

¹² Request, ICC-01/14-01/18-2911-Conf, paras 10-15.

¹³ Email decision, Single Judge of Trial Chamber V, 22 April 2026 at 17:46.

¹⁴ Email from the CRLV, received on 23 April 2026, at 16:26.

¹⁵ Email from the CRLV, received on 23 April 2026, at 16:26.

¹⁶ Ngaïssona Defence Response to “Yekatom Defence Urgent Request for Extension of Time to Respond to the Submissions on Reparations”, ICC-01/14-01/18-2913-Conf.

¹⁷ Ngaïssona Defence Response to “Yekatom Defence Urgent Request for Extension of Time to Respond to the Submissions on Reparations”, ICC-01/14-01/18-2913-Conf, paras 3, 5.

in full.¹⁸ The Chamber notes that the CLRV only proposed a limited extension, but finds that the difference is minimal and will not delay the eventual delivery of the reparations order.

10. Accordingly, to ensure the fair and expeditious conduct of the reparations proceedings in the case, the Chamber extends the deadline for all parties (CLRV, Yekatom Defence and Ngaïssona Defence) to respond to the submissions on reparations until 12 June 2026.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

GRANTS the Request;

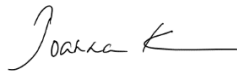
INVITES the CLRV, Yekatom Defence and Ngaïssona Defence to file their responses to the submissions on reparations by 12 June 2026; and

INSTRUCTS the Yekatom Defence and the Ngaïssona Defence to submit a public redacted version of their filings within 7 days of notification of the present decision.

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



Judge Beti Hohler, Presiding Judge



Judge Joanna Korner



Judge Keebong Paek

Dated this 29 April 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands

¹⁸ Since the requested 13 June 2026 date is a Saturday, the Chamber sets the deadline for responses to 12 June 2026.