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TRIAL CHAMBER VI

Before: Judge Miatta Maria Samba, Presiding Judge
Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera, Judge
Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez, Judge
Judge Keebong Paek, Alternate Judge

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

***IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR v. MAHAMAT SAID ABDEL KANI***

**Confidential
With Confidential Annexes I to IV**

**Notification of the Appointment of Mr Dov Jacobs as Counsel for Mr Mahamat
Said Abdel Kani**

Source: The Registry

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I. Introduction

1. The Registry hereby informs Trial Chamber VI ("Trial Chamber") that Mr Mahamat Said Abdel Kani ("Mr Said") has appointed Mr Dov Jacobs ("Mr Jacobs") as Counsel to represent him in the proceedings before the Court. The appointment has been confirmed by the Registry on 6 May 2026, following Counsel's acceptance of the appointment.

II. Classification

2. The present submission and its Annexes are classified confidential, as the appointment in question is linked to a matter currently classified confidential. Should this submission be reclassified as public, annexes II and IV would need to remain confidential in accordance with regulation 23*bis* of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC") as they contain the private contact details of Mr Jacobs.

III. Applicable Law

3. The following provisions are of particular relevance to the present submissions: articles 43 and 67(1)(d) of the Rome Statute, rules 21 and 22 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulations 23*bis*, 67 of the RoC, regulations 123(1) of the Regulations of the Registry and articles 5, 11, 12, 16 and 22(3) of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel ("Code").

IV. Submissions

4. The Disciplinary Board, having ascertained breaches of professional duties attributable to Ms Jennifer Naouri ("Ms Naouri"), Counsel for Mr Said, ordered the disciplinary sanction of suspension of the right to practise before the Court for a period of eighteen months. Accordingly, Ms Naouri is prohibited from exercising the legal profession for the entire duration of the suspension, with effect from 4 May 2026.
5. On 2 May 2026, in light of circumstances set out above and the necessity for replacement legal representation, Mr Said requested that Mr Jacobs be appointed as his "Conseil Principal" within the context of continuation of his legal representation before the Court.¹
6. On 4 May 2026, Registry representatives had a meeting during which his legal representation was discussed.
7. On 4 May 2026, Mr Said appointed Mr Jacobs as his Counsel.²
8. On 5 May 2026, Mr Jacobs accepted the mandate, as required by article 11 of the Code.³
9. On 6 May 2026, the Registry officially formalized the appointment of Mr Jacobs as Counsel for Mr Said.⁴
10. Mr Jacobs has previously executed the solemn undertakings as required under the Code, which remain valid throughout the proceedings before the Court.⁵

¹ Confidential Annex I

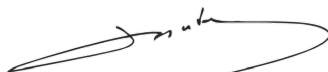
² Confidential Annex II.

³ Confidential Annex III.

⁴ Confidential Annex IV.

⁵ Registry, "Notification of the Appointment of Mr Dov Jacobs as Associate Counsel for Mr Mahamat Said Abdel Kani", 9 April 2021, ICC-01/14-01/21-52-AnxII.

11. Mr Jacobs confirmed to the Registry that he does not have impediments to the representation of Mr Said in the proceedings before the Court or a conflict of interest in accordance with articles 12 and 16 of the Code.



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

Dated this 8 May 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands