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International Criminal Court

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No.: **ICC-RoR220-01/26**
Date: **7 July 2026**

THE PRESIDENCY

Before: **Judge Tomoko Akane, President**
Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, First Vice-President
Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou, Second Vice-President

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

Confidential
***EX PARTE* only available to the Defence for Mr Alfred Yekatom and the Registry**

Decision on request for extension of time limit to file Registry's observations pursuant to regulation 220(4) of the Regulations of the Registry and request for reclassification, dated 3 July 2026 (ICC-RoR220-01/26-2-Conf-Exp)

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

☐ **The Office of the Prosecutor**

☒ **Counsel for the Defence**

☐ **Legal Representatives of the Victims**

☐ **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**

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The Presidency of the International Criminal Court (the 'Court') has before it the 'Registry Transmission pursuant to Regulation 220(3) of the Regulations of the Registry and Additional Registry Requests' of 3 July 2026, seeking an extension of the applicable time limit to file observations pursuant to regulation 220(4) of the Regulations of the Registry ('Regulations') on the application for judicial review by Mr Alfred Yekatom ('Mr Yekatom') notified on 30 June 2026 (the 'Application'),[1] and the reclassification of the Application as confidential *ex parte* (the 'Transmission').[2]

1. On 30 June 2026, Mr Yekatom submitted the Application pursuant to regulation 220(1) of the Regulations.[3]

2. On 3 July 2026, the Registry filed the Transmission, by which it transmitted a relevant supporting document relating to the Application pursuant to regulation 220(3) of the Regulations.[4] In addition, the Registry made two requests, seeking an extension of the time limit to submit observations under regulations 220(4) of the Regulations and the reclassification of the Application as confidential *ex parte*.[5]

(i) Request for extension of time limit

3. The Registry seeks, pursuant to regulation 35 of the Regulations of the Court, an extension of the time limit to file the Registry's observations under regulation 220(4) of the Regulations, until 16 July 2026.[6] The Registrar submits that due to the length of the Application and the various issues raised therein, as well as competing priorities, an extension of the time limit until 16 July 2026 is required to provide the Presidency with meaningful submissions and enable the Presidency to take an informed decision in the present case.[7]

4. The Presidency considers that the reasons set forth by the Registrar constitute good cause to extend the time limit to file observations on the Application, in accordance with

[1] Defence for Mr Yekatom, Yekatom Defence Application for judicial review of Registrar's decision of 22 June 2026, 30 June 2026, ICC-RoR220-01/26-1-Conf-Exp.
[2] Registrar, Registry Transmission pursuant to Regulation 220(3) of the Regulations of the Registry and Additional Registry Requests, 3 July 2026, ICC-RoR220-01/26-2-Conf-Exp, paras 1, 23.
[3] Application, ICC-RoR220-01/26-1-Conf-Exp.
[4] Transmission, ICC-RoR220-01/26-2-Conf-Exp, paras 1, 6-8.
[5] Transmission, ICC-RoR220-01/26-2-Conf-Exp, paras 1, 23.
[6] Transmission, ICC-RoR220-01/26-2-Conf-Exp, paras 1, 12, 23.
[7] Transmission, ICC-RoR220-01/24-2-Conf-Exp, paras 10-11.

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regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court. Accordingly, the Presidency exceptionally extends the applicable deadline under regulation 220(4) of the Regulations until 16 July 2026.

(ii) Request for reclassification of the Application

5. The Registry also requests the Presidency to reclassify the Application as confidential *ex parte* only available to the Defence for Mr Yekatom and the Registry, pursuant to regulation 23 *bis*(4) of the Regulations of the Court.[8] The Registrar submits that the Application contains references to documents and information classified as confidential and information relating to the complaint procedures which is confidential, in accordance with regulation 92(1) of the Regulations of the Court, concerning the confidentiality of the detention record, and in line with the Administrative Instruction on the ICC Information Protection Policy.[9] The Registry further submits that the Application contains references to information on detention matters and communications made on an *ex parte* basis between the Detention Section and/or the Registrar, on the one hand, and Mr Yekatom and/or his Defence team, on the other hand, which cannot be made public without prior consent of the Registry, as doing so would hinder the proper management of the Detention Centre.[10]

6. The Presidency observes that regulation 23*bis* of the Regulations of the Court empowers it to modify the classification of a document. The Presidency notes that the Application makes reference to the content of the annexes to the Application, which relate to the complaint procedures and to email exchanges with the Registry which are confidential.[11] Considering the impact that making this information public without the Registry's consent could have on the proper management of the Detention Centre, the Presidency orders that the Application be reclassified as confidential *ex parte* only available to the Defence for Mr Yekatom and the Registry.[12]

[8] Transmission, ICC-RoR220-01/26-2-Conf-Exp, paras 1, 13, 22-23.
[9] Transmission, ICC-RoR220-01/26-2-Conf-Exp, paras 14-17 *referring to* Administrative Instruction on the ICC Information Protection Policy, ICC/AI/2007/001.
[10] Transmission, ICC-RoR220-01/26-2-Conf-Exp, para. 18.
[11] *See, e.g.* Application, ICC-RoR220-01/26-1-Conf-Exp, paras 15-23.
[12] The Application has been temporarily reclassified as confidential *ex parte* upon instruction of the Presidency of 3 July 2026, until the Presidency's final decision on the appropriate classification of the Application.

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THE PRESIDENCY HEREBY

(i) **GRANTS** the Registry's request for extension of time limit and orders that the Registry's observations on the Application be filed by 1600 on 16 July 2026; and

(ii) **GRANTS** the Registry's request for reclassification and orders that the Application be reclassified as confidential *ex parte* only available to the Defence of Mr Yekatom and the Registry.

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

Judge Tomoko Akane
President

Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala
First Vice-President

Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou
Second Vice-President

Dated this 7 July 2026
At The Hague, The Netherlands

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