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TRIAL CHAMBER V

Before: Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Presiding Judge
Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert
Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

**SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR v. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO and JOSHUA ARAP SANG***

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With public annex**

**Victims and Witnesses Unit's Amended Protocol on the practices used to familiarise
witnesses for giving testimony**

Source: Registry

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The Registrar of the International Criminal Court ("the Court");

NOTING the "Victims and Witnesses Unit's Unified Protocol on the practices used to prepare and familiarise witnesses for giving testimony" submitted by the Victims and Witnesses Unit (the "VWU") on 12 August 2011;¹

NOTING the "Decision on witness preparation" (the "Decision") issued by Trial Chamber V (the "Chamber") on 2 January 2013;²

NOTING the "Victims and Witnesses Unit's Submission following the "Decision on witness preparation" (ICC-01/09-02/11-588)" submitted by the VWU on 21 February 2013;³

NOTING the "Decision on VWU submission regarding witness preparation" issued by the Chamber on 11 April 2013;⁴

NOTING articles 43(6) and 68(1) and (4) of the Rome Statute, rules 16 to 19, 86 to 88 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulation 41 of the Regulations of the Court and regulations 79 to 96 of the Regulations of the Registry;

CONSIDERING that in the Decision the Chamber ordered the Registry to "file an updated version of the Familiarisation Protocol";⁵

¹ ICC-01/09-01/11-259.

² ICC-01/09-01/11-524.

³ ICC-01/09-01/11-616.

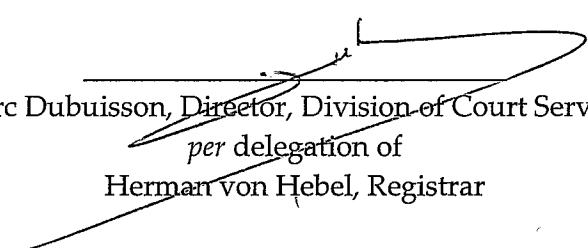
⁴ ICC-01/09-01/11-676.

⁵ ICC-01/09-01/11-524, p. 21.

CONSIDERING that in its submission dated 21 February 2013 the VWU sought a “clarification from the Chamber as to whether the absence of the prohibition of contact between the calling party and the witness during the pre-testimony meeting (which ends at least 24 hours before the testimony) should be extended to the 24 hours’ time period preceding the testimony and further throughout the duration of the testimony or if a prohibition of contact between the witness and the calling party shall be in place once the pre-testimony meeting ends (i.e. 24 hours before the testimony) and until the end of the testimony”.⁶

CONSIDERING that the Chamber provided an answer to the above question in its Decision dated 11 April 2013;

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS in the annex to the current document the Victims and Witnesses Unit’s “Amended Protocol on the practices used to familiarise witnesses for giving testimony”.


 Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Court Services
per delegation of
 Herman von Hebel, Registrar

Dated this 24 April 2013

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁶ ICC-01/09-01/11-616, p. 5.