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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Tomoko Akane, Single Judge

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II
IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR V. ALFRED YEKATOM***

Public

Decision granting an extension of time

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

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Judge Tomoko Akane, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Pre-Trial Chamber II (the “Chamber”) of the International Criminal Court (the “Court”),¹ issues this Decision granting an extension of time.

1. On 11 November 2018, the Chamber issued the “Warrant of Arrest for Alfred Yekatom” for his alleged criminal responsibility pursuant to articles 25(3)(a), (b) and (c) and 28(a) of the Rome Statute (“the Statute”) for crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in various locations in the Central African Republic between 5 December 2013 and August 2014.²
2. On 17 December 2018, the Prosecutor submitted the “Prosecution’s submission on a Proposed Protocol on the Handling of Confidential Information and Contacts with Witnesses” (the “17 December 2018 Submission”).³
3. On 21 December 2018, the Prosecutor submitted the “Prosecution’s Request for a Protocol on Redactions” (the “21 December 2018 Request”).⁴
4. On 21 December 2018, the Defence for Alfred Yekatom (“Yekatom”) submitted the “Expedited request on behalf of M. Yekatom seeking a limited extension of the delay to respond to ‘Prosecution’s submission on a Proposed Protocol on the Handling of Confidential Information and Contacts with Witnesses’” (the “Defence Request”),⁵ requesting the Single Judge to extend the time limit to file his response to the 17 December 2018 Submission from 28 December 2018 to 2 January 2019.⁶
5. The Single Judge notes regulations 24(1) and 35 of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”).

¹ ICC-01/14-01/18-27.

² ICC-01/14-01/18-1-US-Exp. A public redacted version is also available, *see* ICC-01/14-01/18-1-Red.

³ ICC-01/14-01/18-35.

⁴ ICC-01/14-01/18-39.

⁵ ICC-01/14-01/18-41.

⁶ ICC-01/14-01/18-41, para. 11.

6. The Single Judge notes that the extension of time requested by Yekatom is limited to five days and that the Defence team for Yekatom is currently being created and organised.⁷ Furthermore, the Single Judge observes that the requested extension of time allows the Chamber to simultaneously receive the observations of the Defence for Yekatom on both the 17 December 2018 Submission and the 21 December 2018 Request, which would allow the Chamber to rule on both matters at the same time. Therefore, the Single Judge considers that good cause has been shown to permit the extension of time requested by the Defence for Yekatom within the meaning of regulation 35(2) of the Regulations.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

GRANTS the Defence Request; and

AUTHORISES the Defence for Yekatom to file its response to the “Prosecution’s submission on a Proposed Protocol on the Handling of Confidential Information and Contacts with Witnesses” on 2 January 2019.

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



Judge Tomoko Akane, Single Judge

Dated this Friday, 21 December 2018

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁷ ICC-01/14-01/18-41, para. 7.