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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua, Presiding Judge
Judge Tomoko Akane
Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

URGENT

Public

With Confidential Annex III and Public Annexes I, II and IV

**Notification of the Appointment of Mr Geert-Jan Knoops as Counsel
for Mr Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona**

Source: Registry

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

The Office of the Prosecutor

Ms Fatou Bensouda
Mr James Stewart

Counsel for the Defence

Mr Geert-Jan Knoops

Legal Representatives of Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants
(Participation/Reparation)**

Unrepresented victims

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

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

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Detention Section

Mr Paddy Craig

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

I. Introduction

1. The Registry hereby informs the Pre-Trial Chamber II that Mr Geert-Jan Knoops was appointed by Mr Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona (“Mr Ngaïssona”) as Counsel to represent him in the proceedings before the Court. The appointment has been acknowledged by letter dated 15 February 2019, following the counsel’s acceptance of the appointment. This appointment replaces the previously appointment of Mr Eric Plouvier as Counsel.

II. Classification

2. The present submission and its Annex, I, II and IV are classified as public, whereas Annex III hereto is classified as confidential, in accordance with regulation 23*bis* of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”) as it contains private contact details of Mr Knoops.

III. Applicable Law

3. This submission is made on the basis of articles 43 and 67(1)(d) of the Rome Statute, rules 21 and 22 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulations 23*bis* and 67 of RoC, regulation 123 of the Regulations of the Registry and articles 11, 5 and 22(3) of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel (“Code”).

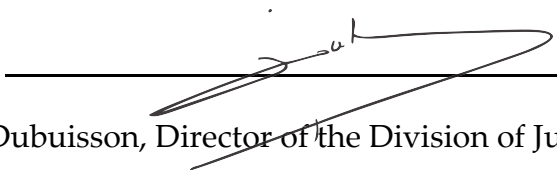
IV. Submission

4. On 14 February 2019, Mr Ngaïssona appointed Mr Geert-Jan Knoops as Counsel.¹ On 15 February 2019, Mr Knoops accepted the mandate, as required by article 11 of the Code of Conduct.²

¹ Public Annex I.

² Public Annex II.

5. On 15 February 2019, the Registry officially formalized the appointment of Counsel.³
6. Mr Knoops had previously executed the solemn undertakings as required by the Code of Conduct, which remain valid throughout the proceedings before the Court.⁴



Marc Dubuisson, Director of the Division of Judicial Services
on behalf of
Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 15 February 2019

At The Hague, The Netherlands

³ Confidential Annex III.

⁴ Public Annex IV.