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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa, Presiding Judge
 Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji
 Judge Howard Morrison
 Judge Piotr Hofmański
 Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

**URGENT
 Public Document**

With Confidential Annex

**Transmission of Observations from the Central African Republic pursuant to
 Appeals Chamber Order ICC-01/14-01/18-552 of 15 June 2020**

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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rules 13(1) and 176(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence the Registry transmits, as an annex to this filing, observations received from the Central African Republic (“CAR”) dated 30 July 2020.¹

II. Classification

2. In accordance with regulation 23*bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court, the annex to the present document is classified as confidential as per request of the CAR authorities.²

III. Procedural history

3. In an order issued on 15 June 2020,³ the Appeals Chamber invited the Central African Republic to submit observations on issues arising from the appeal of Mr Alfred Yekatom against the decision of Trial Chamber V entitled “Decision on the Yekatom Defence’s Admissibility Challenge”,⁴ by 16h00 on 3 August 2020.

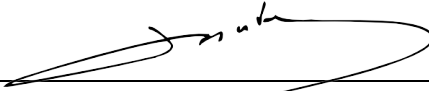
¹ Central African Republic, « Observations de la République Centrafricaine sur la possibilité de mener un enquête ou d’engager des poursuites contre YEKATOM Alfred Rombhot pour les crimes de guerre et contre l’humanité par la Cour Pénale Spéciale », 30 July 2020, reference 145/MJ/DIRCAB.20.

² On 3 August 2020, the Registry reached out to the CAR authorities by email in order to clarify the level of classification of their observations. Clarifications were received by email at 15:43.

³ Appeals Chamber, “Order on the filing of observations by the Central African Republic”, 15 June 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-552.

⁴ Trial Chamber V, “Decision on the Yekatom Defence’s Admissibility Challenge”, 28 April 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-493.

The Registry hereby transmits, as annex, observations received on 30 July 2020 from the Central African Republic.⁵



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

Dated this 3 August 2020

The Hague, the Netherlands

⁵ The said observations were received after business hours on 30 July 2020. The next day was an official Court holiday.