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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 ROMBHOT YEKATOM & PATRICE-EDOUARD NGAÏSSONA***

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**Public redacted version of “Yekatom Defence Response to Observations of
 Government of Central African Republic”, 5 August 2020**

Source: Defence for Mr. Alfred Rombhot Yekatom

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1. Counsel representing Mr. Alfred Rombhot Yekatom (“Defence” and “Mr. Yekatom”, respectively) hereby respond, as authorised by the Appeals Chamber,¹ to the observations of the Central African Republic, filed confidentially on 3 August 2020.²

CONFIDENTIALITY

2. This response is filed confidentially because the observations of the Central African Republic were filed confidentially. Because the observations involve matters of public interest and do not appear to disclose information of a confidential nature, the Defence requests that the Central African Republic be ordered to file a public redacted version of its observations, or that the Appeals Chamber reclassify those observations as public.
3. Meanwhile, the Defence is filing a public redacted version of this Response. Upon the filing of a public version of the observations, the Appeals Chamber should order that this Response be reclassified as public in its entirety.
4. Absent such reclassification, it will be impossible for the public to understand the reasons for the outcome of this appeal.

THE MERITS

5. The Defence expresses its appreciation to the Appeals Chamber for seeking observations from the Central African Republic. [REDACTED].
6. [REDACTED].
7. [REDACTED].

¹ [ICC-01/14-01/18-552](#).

² [ICC-01/14-01/18-610-Conf-Anx](#).

8. Given the unequivocal observations made by the Central African Republic, the Defence has no further response on the merits of the appeal.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED ON THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST 2020



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