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Judge Péter Kovács
Judge Chang-ho Chung

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

Public Document

With public annex

**Transmission of a request for extension from the Kingdom of Belgium to provide
observations on interim release of Mr Alfred Yekatom**

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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rules 13 and 176(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“RPE”), the Registry transmits in annex to this filing, a correspondence received from the Belgian authorities, dated 5 August 2020 (“Correspondence”).¹

II. Procedural history

2. In an order issued on 29 July 2020,² Trial Chamber V (“Chamber”) ordered the Registry to invite the Kingdom of Belgium and the Kingdom of the Netherlands “to submit any observations on Mr Alfred Yekatom’s interim release by 19 August 2020” (“Order”).
3. On 4 August 2020, pursuant to the Order, the Registry by way of a note verbale requested the Belgian authorities to provide observations.³
4. On same day, in application of rule 20(1)(b) of the RPE, further to a request by the Defence for Mr Yekatom (“Defence”), the Registry transmitted to the Belgian authorities, by way of a note verbale,⁴ a letter from the Defence dated 3 August 2020, in relation to the request for interim release of Mr Yekatom (“Defence Letter”).⁵
5. On 5 August 2020, further to the Order, the Registry received the Correspondence from the Belgian authorities, in which they request an

¹ Kingdom of Belgium, Correspondence, 5 August 2020, WL35/ICT-164-04/5220/GD/2020/045.

² Trial Chamber V, “Order Requesting Observations from relevant States on Interim Release”, 29 July 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-608. French translation of the Order filed on 3 August 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-608-t-FRA

³ Registry, note verbale, 4 August 2020, NV/2020/EOSS/221/APS/rk.

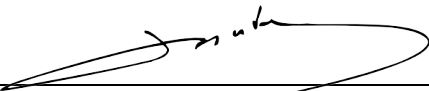
⁴ Registry, note verbale, 4 August 2020, NV/2020/EOSS/222/APS/rk.

⁵ Defence for Mr Yekatom, letter, 3 August 2020, ARY-2020-0143 and ARY-2020-0143-FR (French version).

extension of the deadline to provide their observations, by 4 September 2020.

The Correspondence also makes a reference to the said Defence letter.⁶

The Registry hereby transmits, as annex the Correspondence received on 5 August 2020, from the Belgian authorities.



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

Dated this 6 August 2020

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁶ The Registry consulted with the Defence of Mr Yekatom for making a reference in a public filing to the Defence's letter. The agreement by the Defence for making such a reference was received by email on 5 August 2020, at 18:19.