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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-ÉDOUARD NGAÏSSONA***

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With public Annex I and confidential and public redacted Annex II

**Transmission of the Responses of Belgium and the Netherlands concerning the
Application for Interim Release of Mr Alfred Yekatom**

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I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to the Order of the Single Judge of Trial Chamber V dated 29 July 2020 (“Order”) inviting the Kingdom of Belgium (“Belgium”) and the Kingdom of the Netherlands (“Netherlands”) to submit any observations on the request by the Defence for Mr Alfred Yekatom for his interim release to Belgium,¹ and in accordance with rules 13(1) and 176(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulation 51 of the Regulations of the Court, the Registry hereby transmits the observations of Belgium and a note verbale from the Netherlands, both dated 24 August 2020, as annexes to this report.

II – Procedural history

2. In his Order, the Single Judge of Trial Chamber V (“Single Judge”) invited the Belgian and Dutch authorities to submit their observations, by 19 August 2020, on the interim release of Alfred Yekatom.
3. As concerns the Netherlands, the Single Judge stated that he had taken note of its observations on the first request for Mr Yekatom’s release to the Central African Republic, and invited it to submit further observations, if it so wished, by that date.²
4. As concerns Belgium, the Single Judge issued a decision on 11 August 2020³ granting it an extension of time until 4 September to submit its observations on the request for interim release made by the Defence for Alfred Yekatom.

¹ Trial Chamber V, “Order Requesting Observations from relevant States on Interim Release”, 29 July 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-608.

² See para. 4 of the Order referred to in footnote 1.

³ Trial Chamber V, “Decision on the Request for Extension of Time by the Kingdom of Belgium”, 11 August 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-621.

II. Classification

5. In accordance with regulation 23(1) *bis* of the Regulations of the Court, the note verbale from the Netherlands is classified as confidential, as requested by its representatives. A public redacted version is also provided as an annex to this report.

The Registry hereby transmits the observations of Belgium at Annex I and the confidential and public redacted versions of the note verbale from the Netherlands at Annex II to the present report.

[signed]

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

Dated this 27 August 2020

At The Hague, Netherlands