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TRIAL CHAMBER V

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Single Judge

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

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Decision on Request to Withdraw as Associate Counsel for Mr Yekatom

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Judge Bertram Schmitt, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber V of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona*, having regard to Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations of the Court (the ‘Regulations’), issues this ‘Decision on Request to Withdraw as Associate Counsel for Mr Yekatom’.

1. On 1 August 2019, the Registry informed Pre-Trial Chamber II of Mr Peter Robinson’s appointment as Associate Counsel for Mr Yekatom.¹
2. On 17 September 2020, Mr Robinson requested the Chamber’s leave to withdraw as Associate Counsel for Mr Yekatom from this case as of 21 September 2020, pursuant to Regulation 78(1) of the Regulations (the ‘Request’).²
3. The Single Judge notes that the Request is made with the consent of Lead Counsel and Mr Yekatom, taking into account that trial proceedings have yet to commence.³ Moreover, the Single Judge notes that Lead Counsel will continue to represent Mr Yekatom and that no objections were made to the Request. In light of these circumstances, the Single Judge considers that Mr Robinson’s withdrawal would not cause any prejudice to the rights of the accused or affect the fairness and expeditiousness of the proceedings. Noting Mr Robinson’s wish to withdraw, the Single Judge thus grants the Request.
4. Mr Robinson is reminded of his continuing obligations under the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel, as well as any confidentiality obligations under the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. The Single Judge appreciates the assurances made in this regard.⁴

¹ Registration of the appointment of Mr Peter Robinson as Associate Counsel for Mr Alfred Yekatom, ICC-01/14-01/18-262 (with confidential Annex I and public Annex II).

² Request for Withdrawal, ICC-01/14-01/18-656.

³ Request, ICC-01/14-01/18-656, para. 2.

⁴ Request, ICC-01/14-01/18-656, para. 3.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

GRANTS the Request.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bertram Schmitt', is written over a horizontal line.

Judge Bertram Schmitt

Single Judge

Dated this 18 September 2020

At The Hague, The Netherlands