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Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
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**

Confidential

**Registry's Report on the Prosecution "Confidential redacted version of "Request
for Reconsideration regarding In-Court Protective Measures for Prosecution
Witness P-0888", ICC-01/14-01/18-1241-Conf-Exp, 11 January 2022**

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I. Introduction

1. The Victims and Witnesses Unit ("VWU" or "Unit") submits this report pursuant to Trial Chamber V's ("Chamber") instructions communicated by way of email on 12 January 2022 ("Instructions")¹ instructing the VWU to provide its assessment by 24 January 2022.

II. Classification

2. In accordance with regulation 23 *bis*(1) of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC"), the present Report is classified as confidential following a Request² with the same classification.

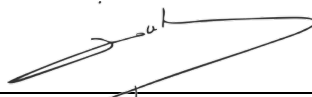
III. Report

3. The witness was interviewed by the VWU on 19 January 2022. The in-court protective measures were explained to the witness and also that he might testify without them.
4. Witness P-0888 is a CAR national residing in Bangui, he does have a public profile as the National Youth President of a Political Organisation known as *le Parti Centrafricain pour l'Unité et le Développement* (PCUD) since early 2018.
5. During the interview, P-0888 did not mention any threat to him or his family and the VWU is not aware of any security threats or incidents that could have happened in the past.
6. The VWU agrees that the general security situation in CAR is precarious and that the civilian population suffers from that insecurity. However, the VWU

¹ Trial Chamber V, email from the Chamber's Legal Officer sent on 12 January 2022 at 10h59.

² Prosecution, Confidential redacted version of "Request for Reconsideration regarding In-Court Protective Measures for Prosecution Witness P-0888", 11 January 2022, ICC-01/14-01/18-1241-Conf-Red).

- fails to see the correlation between the witness' testimony and the current general security situation in CAR.
7. The VWU is of the view that it might be in the interest of the witness to give a testimony in open court as it will take away any speculation about him testifying against other members of the Anti-Balaka movement, especially due to his position within the PCUD.
 8. Considering the above, the VWU does not recommend any in-court protective measures for P-0888.



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on behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 24 January 2022

At The Hague, the Netherlands