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TRIAL CHAMBER V

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

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Public redacted version of “Registry’s Report on the Prosecution Confidential redacted version of ‘Request for Reconsideration regarding In-Court Protective Measures for Prosecution Witness P-1416’, 12 January 2022, (ICC-01/14-01/18-1244-Conf-Red)”, 31 January 2022, ICC-01/14-01/18-1265-Conf

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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 25 January 2022 (“Instructions”)¹ instructing the VWU to provide its assessment by 31 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.

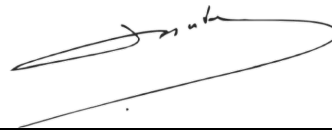
III. Report

3. The witness was interviewed by the VWU on 28 January 2022. The in-court protective measures were explained to the witness as well as the possibility of testifying without such measures.
4. The witness is a CAR national residing in Bangui. [REDACTED]. He has no political or any other affiliations, and has not had any media exposure.
5. During the interview, the witness did not mention any direct threat to him or his family. However, the witness indicated that he had security concerns in connection to his testimony as an ICC witness and believes that either during or after his testimony, he will receive unwanted attention from within his community, [REDACTED].
6. The VWU is not aware of any security threats or incidents that could have happened in the past.

¹ Trial Chamber V, email from the Chamber’s Legal Officer sent on 25 January 2022 at 16h02.

² Prosecution, Confidential redacted version of “Request for Reconsideration regarding In-Court Protective Measures for Prosecution Witness P-1416”, 12 January 2022, (ICC-01/14-01/18-1244-Conf-Red).

7. [REDACTED].
8. The VWU agrees that the general security situation in CAR is precarious and that the civilian population suffers from that insecurity. However, VWU fails to see the correlation between the witness' testimony and the current general security situation in CAR.
9. Considering the above, the VWU does not recommend any in-court protective measures for the witness.



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on behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 07 February 2022

At The Hague, the Netherlands