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Subject: Decision on the Yekatom Defence Request to Proceed in Absence of Counsel on 31 August 2022

Dear Counsel,

The Chamber takes note of the Yekatom Defence's email below, in which it requests the Chamber's authorisation for Ms Casiez and Mr Suzuki to represent Mr Yekatom's rights and interests during the hearing currently scheduled on 31 August 2022, in which the examination of P-1077 is expected to take place (see email from the Prosecution to the Chamber and participants, 18 July 2022, at 09:52) (the 'Request').

The Chamber notes the explanations provided with regard to the unavailability of Counsels Dimitri, Hannis and Guissé on that specific day; particularly, given that arrangements had already been made prior to the Chamber informing the participants that it will sit additional days in August and September 2022 (see email from the Chamber, 8 July 2022, at 12:25). It also notes that the Yekatom Defence has assessed the testimony of P-1077 and that, for the time being, it does not anticipate any questions.

In light of the above, the Chamber considers that no prejudice will result to the rights of Mr Yekatom. The Chamber therefore grants the Request.

Kind regards,

TC V

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Subject: Yekatom request to proceed in the absence of Counsel on 31st August

Dear Trial Chamber V,

In light of Trial Chamber's email of 08 July 2022 at 12:25, the Yekatom Defence exceptionally requests authorisation for Legal Assistants Ms. Lena Casiez and Mr. Gyo Suzuki to represent Mr. Yekatom's rights and interests on 31 August 2022. Prior to the Chamber informing the participants that it will sit additional days in August and September, all three Counsels had made arrangements during the judicial recess.

On 30 and 31st of August, Counsel Dimitri will be [REDACTED]; Counsel Hannis will be [REDACTED] and Counsel Guissé [REDACTED]

████████████████████ on the 31st of August. She had accepted the assignment some time ago taking into consideration the absence of any court hearing that day.

The Yekatom Defence has already assessed the testimony of P-1077 who is scheduled to testify between August 29 and 31st and, as it stands, the Yekatom Defence does not anticipate any questions. The final decision will be taken at the conclusion of the Prosecution's questioning on 29 August, while Counsel Guissé will be attending the hearing.

The Chamber is already very accustomed with both Ms. Casiez and Mr. Suzuki who are extremely competent jurists and who are both very familiar with the case. In light of the above and given the unexpected additional hearing days, the Yekatom Defence respectfully requests the Chamber's authorization to allow Ms. Casiez and Mr. Suzuki to appear in Court on 31st August 2022 in the absence of Counsel.

Kind regards,
Mylène Dimitri

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