

ANNEX 17

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Cc: Chamber Decisions Communication
Subject: Hearing schedule on Mondays

Dear all,

The Chamber has been informed today that Mr Yekatom's medical appointments on Mondays will discontinue. In light of this, the Chamber will revert to the normal hearing schedule as of next Monday, 29 August 2022.

Kind regards, TC V

From: Trial Chamber V Communications [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 June 2022 14:49
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Cc: Trial Chamber V Communications [REDACTED] Chamber Decisions Communication [REDACTED]
Subject: Decision amending the hearing schedule on Mondays (until further notice)

Dear all,

The Chamber has been informed that Mr Yekatom requires medical treatment [REDACTED]. This has been determined by the Medical Officer of the Detention Unit and was discussed with Mr Yekatom. The Registry identified [REDACTED] and advises that the appointments could take place every Monday at 15:00, until further notice, requiring Mr Yekatom to leave the Court by 14:30. Noting that it is '*not possible [REDACTED] appointment after courtroom hours*', the Registry '*requests guidance as to the way forward, including a possible waiver to attend trial*' (see email from the Registry to the Chamber and the Yekatom Defence, 16 June 2022, at 13:58).

The Yekatom Defence responded to this request, indicating, *inter alia*, that '*after consultation with Mr Yekatom, the Defence confirms that he is willing to waive his right to attend the afternoon session on Monday the 20th of June for the testimony of P-2658. However, as this medical treatment [REDACTED], Mr Yekatom's decision to waive his right to attend a hearing can only be taken on a case by case basis depending on the scheduling of the hearing and the witnesses being called. Counsel intends to further discuss in person the matter on Monday morning with Mr Yekatom to balance the various issues at stake including his right to an expeditious trial.*' (see email from the Yekatom Defence to the Chamber and the Registry, 16 June 2022, at 16:17).

The Chamber appreciates the arrangements made by the Registry to ensure Mr Yekatom's swift treatment and extends its best wishes to Mr Yekatom for a speedy recovery.

The Chamber is mindful that these appointments will have an impact on the hearing schedule, at least for the coming Monday. In order to ensure the expeditiousness of the proceedings and Mr Yekatom's right to be present at trial, the Chamber therefore amends the sitting hours for Mondays (effective as of 20 June 2022) as follows, until further notice:

- 09:30 – 11:30
- 12:30 – 14:30

The participants are instructed to streamline and focus their questioning as much as possible.

The Registry is instructed to inform the Chamber at the earliest of any changes to these appointments.

Kind regards, TC V