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Subject: Dissemination of information provided by the VWU regarding P-1042's statement reading

Dear colleagues from VWU,

The Single Judge takes note of the below information regarding P-1042's statement reading.

While he considers no action necessary at this point, he is of the view that the participants should have access to this information and thus copies them in the present email.

Kind regards, TC V

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2022 15:09
To: [REDACTED] Trial Chamber V Communications
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Incident witness CAR-1042

Dear Michaela,

The VWU would like to bring to the attention of the Chamber the below incident that happened during the familiarisation of witness CAR-1042.

On the 9th September a VWU staff member in the Bangui field office wrongly contacted the previous counsel assigned to the witness under article 55 Maître [REDACTED] (which was mentioned on the Witness Identification Form) instead of relying on the relevant correspondence from VWS-HQ mentioning the name of the counsel recently assigned under rule 74, Maître [REDACTED]. The VWU staff member contacted Maître [REDACTED] to ask if he was the appointed counsel for the witness which he confirmed. The VWU understands that this counsel was not acting under this capacity anymore but failed to accurately inform the VWU staff. The staff member acted on the wrong assumption that the lawyer assigned under article 55 would also be the lawyer appointed under rule 74.

On the 12th September Maître [REDACTED] started the statement reading with P-1042 which lasted for 5 days.

On the 19th the VWU realised that an error was made and immediately contacted Maître [REDACTED] and Maître [REDACTED] to rectify the mistake. Maître [REDACTED] then assisted the witness with his statement reading during the remaining time in order for the witness to be ready to start his testimony on the 21th of September.

The VWU acknowledges that a mistake was made and deeply apologizes for this incident due to a human error.
 Kind regards,

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