

Annex 13

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Subject: Remote testimony of P-0481 and P-3064 and adjusted schedule

Dear parties and participants,

The Chamber hereby addresses two issues concerning the upcoming witness block.

Remote testimony from different location

The Chamber has been informed that P-0481 and P-3064 are scheduled to testify remotely from a different location than the Bangui Field Office.

As per the Chamber's Decision on the Use of Audio-Video Link Technology (ICC-01/14-01/21-442, paragraph 19), the Chamber must evaluate whether the conditions at the remote location comply with rule 67 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

Based on the information currently available to it, the Chamber is satisfied that the venue chosen for the conduct of the AVL is conducive to the giving of truthful and open testimony and to the safety and wellbeing of the witnesses concerned. Specifically, the Chamber notes that the Registry has indicated that the venue has suitable IT infrastructure and security and the VWU and other Registry staff will be physically present to ensure that everything is in place.

Accordingly, the Chamber finds that the conditions of rule 67 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence will be satisfied and authorises the remote testimony of P-0481 and P-3064.

The Chamber expects the Registry to ensure that the witnesses are able to testify from a secure, quiet and private room, which will be access-controlled by the Registry. In addition, the Chamber further expects the Registry to ensure that the witnesses will not be influenced during their testimony, including during breaks, and that the witnesses will be able to see the courtroom during questioning. Lastly, the Chamber also expects that any recommendations regarding special measures can be implemented from the remote location.

Adjusted schedule

As the parties are aware, the Medical Officer of the ICC Detention Centre has recommended that the Chamber not sit more than two sessions per day. This probably means that it will not be possible to finish either P-1743's or P-2573's testimony during this block. In addition, P-0510 will finish his testimony on Monday 20 May from 09:30 until 10:30. After that, the Chamber will hear the testimony of P-0481. However, there will be a need for a 45 minutes intermission between the two witnesses in order to allow the Registry to make the necessary adjustments. Finally, the Chamber recalls that it will not be sitting for the first session of Monday 27 May. The Chamber has therefore decided to adjust the schedule for the coming block as follows:

- Monday 20 May
 - 09:30-10:30 = P-0510
 - 11:15-12:15 = P-0481
 - 12:45-13:45 = P-0481
- Tuesday 21 May
 - 09:30-11:00 = P-0481

- 11:30-13:00 = P-0481
- Wednesday 22 May
 - 09:30-11:00 = P-0481
 - 11:30-13:00 = P-0481
- Thursday 23 May
 - 09:30-11:00 = P-3064
 - 11:30-13:00 = P-3064
- Friday 24 May
 - 09:30-11:00 = P-3064
 - 11:30-13:00 = P-3064
- Monday 27 May
 - 11:30-13:00 = P-3064
 - 14:30-16:00 = P-3064
- Tuesday 28 May
 - 09:30-11:00 = P-0884
 - 11:30-13:00 = P-0884
- Wednesday 29 May
 - 09:30-11:00 = P-0884
 - 11:30-13:00 = P-0884
- Thursday 30 May
 - 09:30-11:00 = P-0884
 - 11:30-13:00 = P-0884
- Friday 31 May
 - 09:30-11:00 = Reserve
 - 11:30-13:00 = Reserve

Kind regards,
Trial Chamber VI