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Concerning: Phone Communication and Meeting between Mr Alfred YEKATOM and OTP representatives in BANGUI, CAR, in March 2018

1. Prepared by: Investigators [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	Date: March 2018
Location: BANGUI, CAR	Present: N/A

1. On 02/03/2018 (09:43 a.m.) while on mission in BANGUI, OTP investigator [REDACTED] called phone number [REDACTED]. A male answered and said that he was YEKATOM's aide de camp and his name was [REDACTED] (phonetic). [REDACTED] asked if she could talk to Alfred YEKATOM and his aide de camp answered that he was going to inform him about the phone call. During this phone conversation [REDACTED] introduced herself only with her first name and did not give any other information on the organization she was working for or the reason of the phone call. Few minutes later (09:48 a.m.) Mr Alfred YEKATOM called [REDACTED] from the same phone number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] introduced herself and told Mr YEKATOM that OTP representatives would like to have a meeting with him. Mr YEKATOM answered that he was willing to meet with the OTP representatives as he had nothing to hide or to be afraid of. Mr YEKATOM asked [REDACTED] to call him few days in advance in order to arrange the meeting so as to ensure that he was in BANGUI. He added that he travelled often to the provinces to meet with his electors. Mr YEKATOM said that this was the only phone number where he could be reached and that it was answered sometimes by some of his aide-de-camps. It was agreed that [REDACTED] was going to call him in the coming days with a suggested date for a meeting.

2. On 03/03/2018 [REDACTED] called [REDACTED]. The phone was ringing but it was not answered. On 04/03/2018 [REDACTED] called [REDACTED]. Mr YEKATOM answered the phone himself and said that he was going to be available for a meeting the coming weekend (10-11/03/2018). He asked [REDACTED] to call him beforehand to remind him of the meeting as he would probably be in the village with his electors.

3. On 09/03/2018 [REDACTED] called [REDACTED]. One of Mr YEKATOM's aide-de-camps answered the phone. He said that Mr YEKATOM was busy that day and it would be better to call him the next day.

4. On 10/03/2018 [REDACTED] called [REDACTED]. Mr YEKATOM answered the phone



himself and said that the previous day he was in BOALI dealing with some electoral issues. [REDACTED] suggested the 14 or 15 March 2018 for the meeting and Mr YEKATOM said he needed to check his agenda. A tentative meeting was booked for Wednesday 14 March at 10:00 a.m.

5. In the morning of 14/03/2018 [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] and provided information on the location of the meeting between Mr YEKATOM and the OTP representatives.
6. On 14 March 2018 at 10:45 Senior Trial Lawyer (STL) Kweku VANDERPUYE and Investigator [REDACTED] met with Mr Alfred YEKATOM at the JM Residence (opposite the National Assembly), BANGUI. [REDACTED] assisted as an interpreter (English-French).
7. Investigator [REDACTED] -who scheduled the meeting with Mr YEKATOM- met him on arrival and brought him to the meeting room but did not remain in the meeting.
8. Mr YEKATOM arrived in a white SUV and was accompanied by three other males. One of the males remained in the room during the meeting. The other two stood "guard" outside the meeting facility. They were not introduced to the OTP team and they were not visibly armed. They were all dressed in civilian clothing.
9. Following introductions, STL VANDERPUYE informed Mr YEKATOM of the mandate of the court and the focus of the OTP investigation. Mr YEKATOM was informed that he was considered a suspect under the rules of the Statute and as such he had certain rights. The rights were explained to him and he was informed that OTP wanted to interview him. He was not questioned in any way and expressly advised to obtain counsel in relation to deciding whether or not to be interviewed by OTP. He was informed that the OTP considered the matter of significant importance and seriousness for him to involve a lawyer as early as possible.
10. Mr YEKATOM did not indicate if he would be willing to speak to OTP investigators but stated that he had a lawyer who he would contact and get back to the OTP representatives with his decision. He was encouraged to do so at the earliest. STL VANDERPUYE provided Mr YEKATOM with his business card that included his contact details. The meeting concluded at 11:00.
11. On 22/03/2018 (16:12 p.m.) [REDACTED] called Mr YEKATOM on his phone. [REDACTED] Mr YEKATOM answered the phone himself and said that he had changed his mobile phone device, and this is why he did not recognize [REDACTED]'s phone number when it appeared on his phone screen.
12. [REDACTED] asked him if he had already got in contact with a lawyer and if he was willing to provide a statement to OTP.
13. Mr YEKATOM said that he already had a lawyer, that his name was [REDACTED]



(*phonetic*) and that he was going to give his lawyer the contact details of the OTP representatives. Mr YEKATOM added that he had nothing else to talk about and that all further contacts should be through his lawyer.

14. [REDACTED] asked Mr YEKATOM if he could provide her with the contact details of his lawyer but he answered that he was not obliged to talk to OTP. He asked [REDACTED] to give him some time to find his lawyer's number and he hung up the phone.
15. There was no further communication between the OTP representatives and Mr YEKATOM. He never provided the contact details of his lawyer and OTP never received any communication from his lawyer.

End of report

