

ANNEX II

Confidential

[emblem]

EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN THE NETHERLANDS

Chancery

The Hague, 30 June 2014

No. 432

The Embassy of France in the Netherlands presents its compliments to the International Criminal Court (Registry) and with reference to its note verbale of 18 June 2014 (ref. NV/2014/3333/gm/AK) requesting, by 30 June, the observations of the French authorities regarding the request for interim release presented by Counsel for Mr Narcisse Arido on 10 June 2014, has the honour to transmit as follows:

- In response to the invitation of Pre-Trial Chamber II, the French authorities answer in the negative to the request for Narcisse Arido's release into the territory of France which entails duties whose discharge France would be required to ensure;
- In fact, Chapter IX of the Statute and French law make no provision for interim release into the territory of a State Party;
- Where a procedure for judicial supervision within the framework of a request for judicial assistance from the International Criminal Court cannot be implemented, the French authorities cannot guarantee the presentation of Mr Narcisse Arido to the Court, should he not appear. Such guarantees would therefore depend on Mr Arido's undertakings alone./.

The Embassy of France in the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Criminal Court (Registry) the assurances of its highest consideration.

International Criminal Court
Registry
The Hague

[Stamped: Embassy of France in the Netherlands]