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TRIAL CHAMBER V

Before:

Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge Judge Péter Kovács Judge Chang-ho Chung

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

IN THE CASE OF

THE PROSECUTOR v. ALFRED YEKATOM AND PATRICE-EDOUARD NGAÏSSONA

Public With Confidential Annex 1 and its Public Redacted Version

Registry's Report on Evidence Recognised as Formally Submitted by the Chamber for witness D29-P-5015

Source: Registry

To be notified, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Regulations of the Court, to:

| The Office of the Prosecutor Mr Karim A. A. Khan Mr Mame Mandiaye Niang Mr Kweku Vanderpuye | Counsel for Alfred Yekatom Ms Mylène Dimitri Ms Anta Guissé Counsel for Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona Mr Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops Ms Marie-Hélène Proulx |
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| Legal Representatives of the Victims Mr Dmytro Suprun Mr Abdou Dangabo Moussa Ms Elisabeth Rabesandratana Mr Yaré Fall Ms Marie-Edith Douzima-Lawson Ms Paolina Massidda | Legal Representatives of the Applicants |
| Unrepresented Victims | Unrepresented Applicants (Participation/Reparation) |
| The Office of Public Counsel for Victims | The Office of Public Counsel for the Defence |
| States' Representatives | Amicus Curiae |
| REGISTRY | |
| Registrar Mr Osvaldo Zavala Giler | Counsel Support Section |
| Victims and Witnesses Unit | Detention Section |
| Victims Participation and Reparations Section | Other |

I. Introduction

 The Registry submits the present report ("Registry Report") and its two annexes consisting of a confidential version of items recognised as evidence formally submitted and its public redacted version, pursuant to the "Initial Directions on the Conduct of the Proceedings" ("Directions"),¹ issued on 26 August 2020 by Trial Chamber V ("Chamber").

II. Procedural history

- 2. On 26 August 2020, the Presiding Judge issued the Directions which adopted, among other guidelines, provisions related to the submission of evidence by email.² The Registry was directed to file on the record of the case reports indicating which items have been formally submitted by all participants in relation to each witness who testifies.³
- 3. On 22 June 2021, the Chamber instructed the Registry to additionally file confidential versions of the Registry Reports, in order to fully reflect the emails on the case record. The Chamber further instructed that these confidential versions be filed simultaneously with the public version.⁴
- 4. From 11 to 13 December 2023, the Defence for Mr Yekatom ("Defence") called the seventy-ninth witness in the case.⁵ After the conclusion of the examination of witness D29-P-5015, parties formally submitted items used during the hearings as instructed in the Directions.

¹ Trial Chamber V, "Initial Directions on the Conduct of the Proceedings", 26 August 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-631, para 63.

² *Ibid.,* para. 63(i).

³ *Idem.*, para. 63(v).

⁴ E-mail sent by Trial Chamber V Communications to the Associate Legal Officers, Parties and Participants, on 22 June 2021 at 09:31.

 $^{^5}$ Transcript of 11 December 2023, ICC-01/14-01/18-T-254-RT-ENG, Transcript of 12 December 2023, ICC-01/14-01/18-T-255-RT-ENG and Transcript of 13 December 2023, ICC-01/14-01/18-T-256-RT-ENG .

5. On 09 January 2024, the Chamber issued the decision on items of evidence recognised as formally submitted for witness D29-P-5015 via email.⁶ Pursuant to the Directions, the Registry was instructed to apply redactions as appropriate to the emails enclosed in Annex 1 to the filing.⁷

III. Applicable law

6. For the purpose of the present submission, the Registry has considered *inter alia* articles 64(7), 64(10) and 67(1) of the Rome Statute and rule 137 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

IV. Submission

- 7. The Registry hereby attaches confidential Annex 1:
 - Annex 1: "Decision on Submitted Materials for D29-P-5015", dated 09 January 2024 at 15.04.
- 8. In order to enable the parties and participants to suggest specific additional redactions to Annex 1, the Registry followed the procedure that was adopted in the Directions.⁸
- 9. The Registry liaised by email with the Office of the Prosecutor, the Defence for Mr Yekatom, the Defence for Mr Ngaïssona, the Legal Representatives of the Former Child Soldiers Victims ("CLRV1") and the Legal Representatives of the Victims of the Other Crimes ("CLRV2").⁹ No further redactions were proposed by the parties.¹⁰

⁶ Email sent by Trial Chamber V Communications on 09 January 2024 at 15:04.

⁷ Trial Chamber V, "Initial Directions on the Conduct of the Proceedings", 26 August 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-631, para. 63(v).

⁸ Trial Chamber V, "Initial Directions on the Conduct of the Proceedings", op. cit., para 77.

⁹ Email sent by the Court Management Section on 18 January 2024 at 16:59 attaching Annex 1.

¹⁰ After inter partes consultation, the Registry received a response from the Defence with no additional redactions, on 18 January 2024 at 17:05.

10. Accordingly, the Registry applied redactions to the emails set forth in the following public redacted version of **Annex 1**: "Decision on Submitted Materials for D29-P-5015", dated 09 January 2024 at 15.04.

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Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Judicial Services on behalf of Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 19 January 2024

At The Hague, The Netherlands