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Judge Tomoko Akane
Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II
IN THE CASE OF *THE PROSECUTOR V. ALFRED YEKATOM
and PATRICE-EDOUARD NGAÏSSONA***

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Registry's Report on Legal Representation of Victims

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I. Introduction

1. On 5 March 2019, the Pre-Trial Chamber II (“Chamber”) issued his “Decision Establishing the Principles Governing Victims’ Applications for Participation” (“Decision”) in the case *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaiïsona* (“Case”).¹ In the Decision, the Chamber orders the Registry to submit a report on how an approach to legal representation could be implemented “that prioritizes the victims’ choice” and provides them with “enough time to exercise this choice.”²

II. Classification

2. In accordance with regulation 23bis(1) of the Regulations of the Court (“RoC”) and pursuant to article 68(1) of the Rome Statute, Annexes I, II and III to the present submission are classified as confidential *ex parte* only available to the Registry because they contain sensitive information on the Registry’s internal operations, information pertaining to victims’ safety and security and identifying information on the Registry’s intermediaries. The Registry stands ready to prepare a public redacted version of Annex I if the Chamber considers this appropriate.

III. Applicable Law

3. The present report is made on the basis of article 68(1) and (3) of the Rome Statute, rules 16(1) and 90 of the Rules of procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), regulations 23, 67 and 79 of the RoC, regulations 112 and 113 of the


¹ Pre-Trial Chamber II, “Decision Establishing the Principles Applicable to Victims’ Applications for Participation”, 5 March 2019, ICC-01/14-01/18-141.

² *Ibid*, at para. 53.

Regulations of the Registry, and the Registry's single policy document on the Court's legal aid system.³

IV. Submissions

4. In accordance with the Decision, the Registry hereby transmits its report on legal representation in the Case as Annex I to the present submission. Annexes II and III to the present submission, prepared by the Registry's Victims and Witnesses Section and the Country Analysis Unit, are transmitted in an effort to provide additional contextual support, particularly in relation to the security context in Central African Republic, to the Registry's report on legal representation.



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On behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 16 April 2019

At The Hague, The Netherlands

³ ICC-ASP/12/3, 4 June 2013.