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Subject: TC X: Single Judge order scheduling an *ex parte* status conference on 30 June 2022

Dear Counsels,

Dear colleagues,

The Single Judge notes that on 27 June 2022, the Defence requested that the Chamber hold an *ex parte* status conference during hearing days vacated this week in order to discuss the logistics related to the calling of some of its remaining witnesses (the 'Request', #2269-Conf-Exp, with two annexes).

The Single Judge recalls that, consistent with the timeline adopted by the Chamber, the Defence case started on Monday, 9 May 2022. Since then, five experts and four fact witnesses testified before the Chamber, and the evidence of four other witnesses was introduced into evidence pursuant to Rule 68(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. Two more witnesses are scheduled to appear before the start of the summer judicial recess and the Defence was instructed to file an updated version of its List of Witnesses by 4 July 2022 (#2241).

As requested by the Defence, and to ensure the efficient conduct of the remainder of the Defence's presentation of evidence, the Single Judge considers it useful to convene a status conference. This status conference shall be held by the Single Judge in private session on Thursday, 30 June 2022, 9:30-11:00, with the Defence and Registry attending, including representatives of the Victims and Witnesses Section. In light of the issues raised in the Request, the Single Judge agrees with the Defence that an *ex parte* status conference will be most useful in the circumstances. The Single Judge however already informs that, depending on the oral submission received, the Chamber will consider whether or not the issuance of a confidential redacted version of the transcript of this hearing is warranted.

Finally, the Single Judge takes note of the submissions formulated by the Defence in its Request and invites the Registry to submit any relevant written submissions ahead of the status conference via email by Wednesday, 29 June C.O.B.

Kind regards,
On behalf of the Single Judge of Trial Chamber X