

ANNEX 3
Public Redacted
Version

From: Trial Chamber V Communications
Sent: 02 February 2024 11:09
To: OTP CAR IIB; D29 Yekatom Defence Team; D30 Ngaissona Defence Team; V44 LRV Team; V44 LRV Team OPCV; V45 LRV Team
Cc: Trial Chamber V Communications; Chamber Decisions Communication; Associate Legal Officer-Court Officer
Subject: Directions in relation to the deadline for Rule 68(3) requests and the next evidentiary block

Dear Counsel,

The Single Judge recalls that during the status conference of 31 January 2024 (T-266), the Chamber discussed, *inter alia*, the scheduling difficulties of the next evidentiary block with the participants. In light of this discussion, the Single Judge gives the following directions.

First, noting the advanced stage of the trial and to expedite the proceedings, the Single Judge considers it prudent to shorten the 45-day deadline set by the Chamber in decision ICC-01/14-01/18-2264 to 3 weeks before the start of a witness's scheduled testimony. Responses to any such request should be filed within one week.

The Single Judge emphasises in this context that scheduling of witnesses cannot be made dependent on the filing of Rule 68(3) applications. Rather, the Defence needs to adjust the filing of such applications to their scheduling of witnesses, to avoid any unnecessary gaps.

Second, the Single Judge appreciates Mr Knoops' proposal during the status conference to hear expert witness D30-4885 fully *viva voce*, instead of Rule 68(3), and encourages the Defence to secure the witness's attendance accordingly.

Kind regards, TC V