

**Cour
Pénale
Internationale**



**International
Criminal
Court**

Original: English

No. ICC-01/14
Date: 25 January 2021

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

**Before: Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua, Presiding Judge
Judge Tomoko Akane
Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala**

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

Public

Decision on the designation of a Single Judge

Decision to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Ms Fatou Bensouda

Mr James Stewart

Counsel for the Defence

Legal Representatives of Victims

Legal Representatives of Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparations**

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

**The Office of Public Counsel
for the Defence**

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar

Mr Peter Lewis

Counsel Support Section

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II of the International Criminal Court (the ‘Court’ and the ‘Chamber’) issues this Decision on the designation of a Single Judge.

1. On 30 May 2014, the Government of the Central African Republic (‘CAR’) referred the situation in the CAR since 1 August 2012 to the Court.¹
2. On 16 March 2018, the Presidency of the Court assigned the situation in the Central African Republic II to Pre-Trial Chamber II.²
3. On 30 October 2018, the Prosecutor submitted under seal, *ex parte*, the application for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for Mahamat Said Abdel Kani (the ‘Application’).³
4. On 23 November 2018, upon request by the Chamber,⁴ the Prosecutor submitted additional information regarding the Application.⁵
5. On 7 January 2019, the ‘Warrant of arrest for Mahamat Said Abdel Kani’ (the ‘Warrant of Arrest’) was issued.⁶
6. On 24 January 2021, Mr Mahamat Said Abdel Kani arrived in the custody of the Court.
7. The Chamber notes articles 39(2)(b)(iii) and 57(2)(b) of the Statute, rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and regulation 47 of the Regulations of the Court.
8. In light of the criteria contained in the aforementioned provisions and, in particular, the need to ensure the proper management, expeditiousness and efficiency of the proceedings, the Chamber considers it appropriate to designate Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala as Single Judge responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber in the present case, subject to article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, until otherwise decided.

¹ The letter is annexed to the decision assigning the situation to the Chamber; *see* Presidency, Decision Assigning the Situation in the Central African Republic II to Pre-Trial Chamber II, 18 June 2014, ICC-01/14-1-Anx1.

² Decision assigning judges to divisions and recomposing Chambers, ICC-01/14-12.

³ ICC-01/14-19-US-Exp, together with 7 under seal, *ex parte* annexes.

⁴ Order for Additional Information, 14 November 2018, ICC-01/14-25-US-Exp.

⁵ ICC-01/14-29-US-Exp, with 8 under seal, *ex parte* annexes.

⁶ ICC-01/14-42-US-Exp.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

DESIGNATES Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala as Single Judge responsible for carrying out the functions of the Chamber, subject to article 57(2)(a) of the Statute, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Mahamat Said Abdel Kani* until otherwise decided;

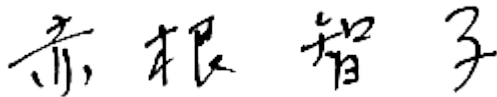
ORDERS the Registrar to open a new case record (ICC-01/14-01/21) and to transfer first the Application, then the Warrant of Arrest and this decision from the situation record into the case record.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

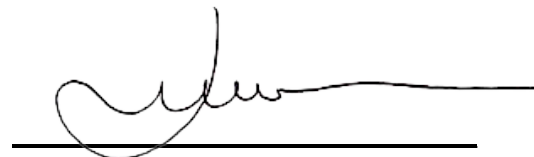


Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Presiding Judge



Judge Tomoko Akane



Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala

Dated this Monday 25 January 2021

At The Hague, The Netherlands