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Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Judge Tomoko Akane

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR V. MAXIME JEOFFROY ELI MOKOM GAWAKA

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Notification of the Appointment of Mr Gregory Townsend as Duty Counsel for Mr Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka

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I. Introduction

1. The Registry hereby informs Pre-Trial Chamber II that Mr Gregory Townsend has been appointed as Duty Counsel to represent Mr Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka ("Mr Mokom") in proceedings before the Court as described herein. The saidappointment has been confirmed by letter dated 1 April 2022.

II. Classification

2. The present submission and its Annex I are classified as confidential *ex parte* only available to Mr Mokom and the Registry, in accordance with regulation 23*bis* of the Regulations of the Court ("RoC") as it contains confidential information related to the appointment of Mr Townsend and his private contact details.

III. Applicable Law

3. The following provisions are of particular relevance to the present submissions: articles 43 and 67(1)(d) of the Rome Statute, rules 21 and 22 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, regulations 23bis, 67 of the RoC, regulations 123(1) of the Regulations of the Registry and articles 5, 11 and 22(3) of the Code of Professional Conduct for counsel ("Code").

IV. Submissions

4. On 1 April 2022, the Pre-Trial Chamber II, in "Order convening a status conference and instructing the Registry to appoint duty counsel for Mr Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka" ("Order") instructed the Registry "to appoint, in consultation with Mr Mokom and without delay, a French-speaking duty counsel – other than counsel from the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence – for the purpose of assisting Mr Mokom on the matter of his legal representation only. The Registry is

¹ Pre-Trial Chamber II, "Order convening a status conference and instructing the Registry to appoint duty counsel for Mr Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka", 1 April 2022, ICC-01/14-01/22-32-Conf-Exp ("Order").

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also instructed to (i) make the necessary arrangements for duty counsel to meet and consult with Mr Mokom in preparation of the status conference; and, (ii) subject to confidentiality considerations, grant duty counsel access to the record of the case."²

- 5. On 1 April 2022, the Registry had a WebEx meeting with Mr Mokom during which he was informed about the contents of the above-mentioned Order, and the Registry's actions in this regard. Mr Mokom did not object to the appointment of a Duty Counsel for the purpose of the status conference.
- 6. On 1 April 2022, the Registry appointed Mr Townsend as Duty Counsel for Mr Mokom as per the established procedures.³
- 7. Mr Townsend has previously executed the solemn undertakings as required under the Code, which remain valid throughout the proceedings before the Court.⁴
- 8. M Townsend was provided with the necessary facilities in order to execute his assignment as Duty Counsel for Mr Mokom.

Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Judicial Services on behalf of

Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 4 April 2022

At The Hague, The Netherlands

³ Confidential Ex Parte Annex I.

² Order, para. 11.

 $^{^4}$ Registry, "Notification of the Appointment of Mr Gregory Townsend as Legal Adviser to Witness P-0516", 31 January 2022, ICC-01/09-01/20-268-Conf-AnxII.