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**TRIAL CHAMBER V**

**Before:** Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge  
Judge Péter Kovács  
Judge Chang-ho Chung

**SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II**

**IN THE CASE OF  
THE PROSECUTOR *v.* ALFRED YEKATOM AND PATRICE-EDOUARD  
NGAISSONA**

**Public**

**Redacted version of the “Victims and Witnesses Unit’s Observations on the Ngaïssona Defence Consolidated Request for In-Court Protective Measures for Witness D30-P-4504 (ICC-01/14-01/18-2395-Conf)” (ICC-01/14-01/18-2470-Conf)**

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## **I. Introduction**

1. The Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU” or “Unit”) submits the present Observations on the Ngaïssona Defence Consolidated Request for In-Court Protective Measures for Witness D30-P-4504, (“Request”)<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Trial Chamber V’s (“Chamber”) Order communicated by way of email, dated 25 April 2024 (“Order”).<sup>2</sup>

## **II. Classification**

2. In accordance with regulation 23bis (2) of the Regulations of the Court, the present Observations are classified as confidential as they refer to the Request which has the same classification.

## **III. Observations**

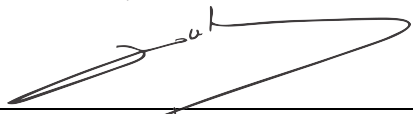
3. The witness is 39 years old, a Central African male, Christian Protestant, who lives with his wife and their three children in Bangui. [REDACTED].
4. On 30 April 2024, the VWU interviewed the witness in order to assess the need for in-court protective measures (“ICPMs”). The process was explained to the witness, who declared having understood it. The witness indicated that he would prefer that his identity is hidden but declared that he is ready to testify without ICPMs.
5. The witness indicated that [REDACTED]. He stressed that the community is divided regarding the support to the accused. [REDACTED].

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<sup>1</sup> Defence, “Ngaïssona Defence Consolidated Request for In-Court Protective Measures for Witnesses D30-P-4914, D30-P-4197, D30-P-4504 and D30-P-4608” (ICC-01/14-01/18-2395-Conf) 6 March 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Email from Trial Chamber V Communications, 25 April 2024 at 10:47.

6. The VWU notes that the witness did not report any past security incident and has only subjective concerns [REDACTED]. The VWU does not consider that there are any objective identifiable risks to the witness.
7. [REDACTED].
8. In conclusion, the VWU does not recommend any in-court protective measures.



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Marc Dubuisson, Director, Division of Judicial Services,  
on behalf of Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 7 May 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands