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THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa, Presiding Judge
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza
Judge Gocha Lordkipanidze
Judge Kimberly Prost
Judge Erdenebalsuren Damdin

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

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Victims' Response to the "Prosecution request for an extension of time to respond to the Defence appeal briefs" (ICC-01/14-01/18-2850)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Common Legal Representative of Victims of the Other Crimes (the “CLR/V”) herewith file their response to the “Prosecution request for an extension of time to respond to the Defence appeal briefs” (the “Request”).¹

2. The CLR/V support the Request and submit that good cause exists within the meaning of regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”). As argued by the Prosecution, the length of the Defence appeal briefs, the complexity and the number of issues raised therein, and the fact that the current deadline falls within the Court recess and holiday period, are all factors justifying the 32-day extension of time requested. Should the Appeals Chamber grant the Request, the CLR/V respectfully ask to be afforded the same extension to file their observations in response to the Parties’ appeals briefs, also considering the workload of their team.

II. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

3. On 1 August 2025, following requests by both Defence teams, the Appeals Chamber granted a 32-day extension of time for the filing of the notices of appeal and appeal briefs.²

4. On 5 November 2025, the Appeals Chamber extended the page limit for the filing of the appeals briefs, allowing each Defence team to file appeal briefs of 200 pages.³

¹ See the “Prosecution request for an extension of time to respond to the Defence appeal briefs”, No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2850](#), 28 November 2025 (the “Request”).

² See the “Decision on requests for extension of time limits for notices of appeal and appeal briefs against the decision of Trial Chamber V entitled ‘Judgment’” (Appeals Chamber), No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2794 A](#), 1 August 2025.

³ See the “Decision on the Yekatom Defence’s request for a page limit extension for the appeal brief” (Appeals Chamber), No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2836 A](#), 5 November 2025.

5. On the same day, following an application from the Defence for Mr Yekatom to present additional evidence,⁴ the Appeals Chamber decided that it would rule on the admissibility of the requested additional evidence with the other issues raised in the appeals, and instructed the Prosecution and the CLRV to file observations in the matter in their consolidated observations on the Defence appeal briefs.⁵

6. On 25 November 2025, the Defence for Mr Yekatom, the Defence for Mr Ngaïssona, and the Prosecution, filed their respective appeal briefs against the Judgment and the Sentence.⁶

7. On 28 November 2025, the Prosecution filed the Request.⁷

8. On 1 December 2025, the Appeals Chamber instructed the Parties and the CLRV to file their response on the Request by 3 December 2025.⁸

III. SUBMISSIONS

9. The CLRV support and agree with the arguments developed in the Request. In particular, they concur with the Prosecution's position that the length and complexity of the issues raised in the Defence appeal briefs justify the requested extension.⁹

⁴ See the "Yekatom Defence Application to present additional evidence", No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2830 A](#), 24 October 2025.

⁵ See the "Directions on the Yekatom Defence's application under regulation 62 of the Regulations of the Court" (Appeals Chamber), No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2835 A](#), 5 November 2025.

⁶ See the "Yekatom Defence Appeal against the Judgment, ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Conf, 24 July 2025", No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2848 Conf A](#), 25 November 2025; the "Ngaïssona Defence Appeal Brief against the Trial Judgment", No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2847-Conf A](#), 25 November 2025; and the "Prosecution Appeal Brief", No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2846-Conf A](#), 25 November 2025.

⁷ See the Request, *supra* note 1.

⁸ See the "Order setting a time limit for responses to the 'Prosecution request for an extension of time to respond to the Defence appeal briefs'" (Appeals Chamber), No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2851](#), 1 December 2025.

⁹ See the Request, *supra* note 1, paras. 4-6.

10. The CLRV further agree that the judicial recess, scheduled for a significant part of the current deadline to respond to the Defence appeal briefs, constitute good cause warranting the extension of time.¹⁰

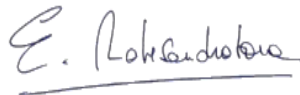
11. Moreover, the CLRV note that they have to also file a response to the Prosecution's appeal and that their team is facing an important workload due to the fact that they are simultaneously preparing the submissions on reparations due on 27 March 2026. Said submissions require extensive consultations with victims in the field in different countries and missions are planned for the coming weeks and months.

12. Should the Appeals Chamber be minded to grant the requested extension of time, the CLRV respectfully ask to be afforded the same extension to file their observations in response to the appeals briefs.

Respectfully submitted.



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Dated this 3rd day of December 2025

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¹⁰ *Idem*, paras. 7-8.