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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' Request for extension of page limit
for their consolidated response to the Prosecution's and Defence's Appeal Briefs**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Common Legal Representative of Victims of the Other Crimes (the “CLR”) request an extension of 20 pages for their consolidated response to the Prosecution’s and Defence’s Appeal Briefs and Mr Yekatom’s application for additional evidence.

2. The CLR submit that the number and complexity of the issues pertaining to the interests of the Victims raised in the three appeal briefs justify the requested extension in order to be able to fully address the views and concerns of the Victims. Said reasons constitute exceptional circumstances within the meaning of regulation 37(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”).

II. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

3. On 24 July 2025, Trial Chamber V, in its prior composition, rendered the “Judgment”.¹

4. On 25 November 2025, the Prosecution, the Ngaïssona Defence and the Yekatom Defence filed their respective appeal briefs against the Judgment and the Sentence.²

5. On 8 December 2025, the Appeals Chamber extended the time limit for the filing of the responses to the appeal briefs to 27 February 2026.³

¹ See the “Judgment” (Trial Chamber V), No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Red](#), 24 July 2025 (the “Judgment”).

² See the “Corrected Version of the ‘Yekatom Defence Appeal against the Judgment, ICC-01/14-01/18-2784-Conf, 24 July 2025’, ICC-01/14-01/18-2848-Conf, 25 November 2025”, No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2848-Conf-Corr A](#), 18 December 2025. A public redacted version was filed on 19 December 2025, No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2848-Corr-Red](#); the “Corrigendum of the ‘Ngaïssona Defence Appeal Brief against the Trial Judgment’, 25 November 2025, ICC-01/14-01/18-2847-Conf”, No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2847-Conf-Corr](#), 25 November 2025. A public redacted version was filed on 19 December 2025, No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2847-Corr-Red](#); and the “Prosecution Appeal Brief”, No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2846-Conf A](#), 25 November 2025. A public redacted version was filed on 28 November 2025, No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2846-Red](#)).

³ See the “Decision on the ‘Prosecution request for an extension of time to respond to the Defence appeal briefs’” (Appeals Chamber), No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2858](#), 8 December 2025.

6. On 10 December 2025, the Appeals Chamber set the modalities of victim participation in the proceedings and determined that the CLRV may file a consolidated response to the Prosecution's and Defence's Appeal Briefs not exceeding 140 pages.⁴

III. SUBMISSIONS

7. Regulation 37(2) of the Regulations provides that a Chamber may grant an extension of the page limit in exceptional circumstances.

8. As recognized by the Appeals Chamber, in its Decision extending the time limit for the filing of the Prosecution's consolidated response, the present appeal raises numerous and complex issues.⁵ Moreover, in granting an extension of page limit to the Yekatom's Defence, the Appeals Chamber has already ruled that the length and complexity of the Judgment, and the fact that the arguments address both the conviction and the sentence in one document, are exceptional circumstances.⁶

9. The CLRV are cognizant that the Appeals Chamber, in providing 140 pages for their consolidated response, took into consideration the extension of pages afforded to the Parties for their submissions.⁷ However, in the course of the drafting of the response, it appeared that said page limit is not sufficient to fully present the views and concerns of the Victims, particularly in light of the interconnection of several arguments which require more extensive developments than originally foreseen because of their direct impact on the interests of the Victims, namely on the targeting of the Muslim population and their displacement, and the evidence provided by dual status individuals.

⁴ See the "Decision on the modalities of victim participation" (Appeals Chamber), No. [ICC-01/14-01/18-2859](#), 10 December 2025.

⁵ See the "Decision on the 'Prosecution request for an extension of time to respond to the Defence appeal briefs'", *supra* note 3, para. 14.

⁶ 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, para. 20.

⁷ See the "Decision on the modalities of victim participation", *supra* note 4, para. 5.

10. In this regard, the Appeals Chamber has already determined that the novelty and complexity of the issues on appeal, coupled with the need for the legal representatives to fully address the Victims' views and concerns, can represent exceptional circumstances within the meaning of regulation 37(2) of the Regulations.⁸

11. In addition, the CLRV is also required to respond to the Yekatom's request for additional evidence, for which the Prosecution was granted a 10 pages extension.⁹

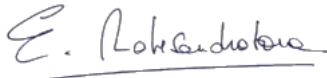
12. Therefore, the CLRV submit that exceptional circumstances exist for a limited extension of 20 pages for their consolidated response to the Prosecution's and Defence's Appeal Briefs.

IV. CONCLUSION

13. For all the above mentioned reasons, the CLRV respectfully request the Appeals Chamber to grant an extension of 20 pages for their consolidated response to the Prosecution's and Defence's appeal briefs.



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⁸ See the "Decision on the OPCV's request for an extension of page limit for its observations" (Appeals Chamber), No. [ICC-02/11-01/15-1323](#), 4 April 2020, para. 10.

⁹ 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, para. 7.