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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
IN THE CASE OF
*THE PROSECUTOR V. ALFRED YEKATOM
and PATRICE-EDOUARD NGAÏSSONA***

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**Information Collected by the Registry Following the Decision on the Legal
Representation of Victims (ICC-01/14-01/18-205)**

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I. Introduction

1. On 5 March 2019, Pre-Trial Chamber II (“Chamber”) issued its “Decision Establishing the Principles Governing Victims’ Applications for Participation” (“5 March Decision”) in the case *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona* (“Case”).¹ In the 5 March Decision, the Chamber ordered the Registry to submit a report on how an approach to legal representation could be implemented “that prioritizes the victims’ choice”, and on “the steps and time necessary to allow them to exercise this choice.”²
2. Following the subsequent submission of the Registry’s Report on Legal Representation of Victims,³ the Chamber issued its “Decision on the Legal Representation of Victims”, ordering the Registry “to enquire whether the legal representatives designated by the Victims of Other Crimes are willing to jointly act within a single team representing these victims and to inform the Chamber of the outcome on 7 June 2019 at the latest” (“23 May Decision”).⁴

II. Applicable Law

3. The present report is made on the basis of article 68(3) of the Rome Statute, rules 16(1) and 90 of the Rules of Procedures and Evidence and regulations 79 and 80 of the Regulations of the Court.

¹ Pre-Trial Chamber II, “Decision Establishing the Principles Applicable to Victims’ Applications for Participation”, 5 March 2019, ICC-01/14-01/18-141.

² *Ibid*, at para. 51.

³ Registry, “Report on Legal Representation of Victims”, dated 16 April 2019 and notified on 17 April 2019, ICC-01/14-01/18-178-Conf.

⁴ Pre-Trial Chamber II, “Decision on the Legal Representation of Victims”, 23 May 2019, ICC-01/14-01/18-205, para. 15 and p. 9 (*lit. a*).

III. Submissions

4. In accordance with the 23 May Decision, the Registry has approached each of the legal representatives so far designated by victims in the application forms for participation and/or reparations thus far submitted to the Court, and enquired:

) whether they were representing victims of alleged crimes included in the warrants of arrest in the Case other than former child soldiers ("Victims of Other Crimes"), and if so,

) whether they were willing to come together under the umbrella of one single team representing these victims, noting that any resources that would be allocated pursuant to the Court's legal aid system would apply to such a single team as a whole as opposed to legal representatives individually.⁵

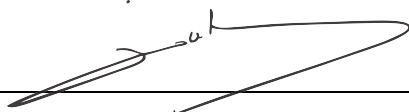
5. Me Jacob Sangone Demobona informed the Registry that he did not represent Victims of Other Crimes.⁶

6. Me Abdou Dangabo Moussa, Me Elisabeth Rabesandratana, Me Yare Fall, Me Marie-Edith Douzima-Lawson, Me Christine Priso Ouamballo and Me Paolina Massidda have informed the Registry that they represent Victims of

⁵ Email from the Registry to Me Abdou Dangabo Moussa, Me Elisabeth Rabesandratana, Me Yare Fall, Me Marie-Edith Douzima-Lawson, Me Jacob Sangone Demobona, Me Christine Priso Ouamballo and Me Paolina Massidda, 28 May 2019, at 14:31.

⁶ Email from Me Jacob Sangone Demobona of 2 June 2019, at 20:52.

Other Crimes and expressed their willingness to jointly act within a single team representing these victims.⁷



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on behalf of Peter Lewis, Registrar

Dated this 7 June 2019

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁷ Email from Me Yaré Fall, 28 May 2019, at 17:23; email from Me Elisabeth Rabesandratana, 28 May 2019, at 18:25; emails from Me Marie-Edith Douzima-Lawson, 2 June 2019, at 19:40 and 5 June 2019, at 00:19; email from Me Paolina Massidda, 3 June 2019 at 14:20; email from Me Abdou Dangabo Moussa, 3 June 2019, at 20:58; emails from Me Christine Priso Ouamballo, 3 June 2019 at 22:24 and 23:03. See also Office of Public Counsel for Victims, “Notification by the Office of Public Counsel for Victims pursuant to the “Decision on the Legal Representation of Victims” dated 23 May 2019 (ICC-01/14-01/18)”, 4 June 2019, ICC-01/14-01/18-218-Conf-Exp, para. 11.