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TRIAL CHAMBER V

Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Single Judge

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

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

Public

Order Requesting Observations from relevant States on Interim Release

Order to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

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**Unrepresented Applicants for
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Other

Judge Bertram Schmitt, acting as Single Judge on behalf of Trial Chamber V of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona*, having regard to Articles 60(2) and (3), 61(11) and 64(6)(a) of the Rome Statute, Rule 118 (1) and (2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and Regulation 51 of the Regulations of the Court issues this ‘Order Requesting Observations from relevant States on Interim Release’.

1. On 11 November 2018, Pre-Trial Chamber II issued a warrant of arrest against Mr Yekatom.¹ On 17 November 2018, the Central African Republic (the ‘CAR’) authorities surrendered him to the Court.²
2. On 3 March 2020, Mr Yekatom requested interim release to the CAR under such conditions as the Chamber deems necessary (‘Request’).³
3. For the purposes of the upcoming decision on the Request, the Single Judge seeks observations from the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the CAR. The Chamber will decide if further responses to these observations are necessary once they have been received.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE SINGLE JUDGE HEREBY

ORDERS the Registry to invite the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the CAR to submit any observations on Mr Yekatom’s interim release by Thursday, 9 April 2020.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.



Judge Bertram Schmitt
Single Judge

¹ Warrant of Arrest for Alfred Yekatom, 11 November 2018, ICC-01/14-01/18-1-Conf-Exp (a public redacted version was notified on 17 November 2018, ICC-01/14-01/18-1-Red).

² Decision on the confirmation of charges against Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona, 11 December 2019, ICC-01/14-01/18-403-Conf, para. 3 (a public redacted version was notified on 20 December 2019, ICC-01/14-01/18-403-Red).

³ Yekatom Defence Application for Interim Release, 3 March 2020, ICC-01/14-01/18-438 (with public Annexes A-C and confidential Annexes D-F).

Dated this 20 March 2020

At The Hague, The Netherlands