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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***

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Order Rescheduling the Commencement Date of the Trial

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TRIAL CHAMBER V of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaissona*, having regard to Article 64 of the Rome Statute and Rule 132(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, issues this ‘Order Rescheduling the Commencement Date of the Trial’.

1. On 16 July 2020, the Chamber decided that the trial would commence on 9 February 2021.¹
2. On 7 February 2021, the Registry informed the Chamber that due to unexpected Covid-19-related circumstances, the hearings cannot be supported as scheduled. The Registry recommends that the trial commencement be postponed by one week and notes that it will ‘explore the technical possibilities to conduct the hearings with remote participation’.²
3. In light of these circumstances, the Chamber considers that the postponement of the hearings is necessary. Taking into account the Registry’s recommendation in this regard, the Chamber reschedules the trial commencement date to 16 February 2021.
4. The Registry is instructed to prepare for the facilitation of the hearings both in the courtroom as well as remotely, and to update the Chamber of any developments impacting on the feasibility of these options.
5. The Chamber’s final decision as to whether the hearing will take place in the courtroom or remotely will be communicated to the participants in due course.

¹ Decision Setting the Commencement Date of the Trial, ICC-01/14-01/18-589, para. 24, p. 10.

² Email from the Registry to the Chamber, 7 February 2021, at 19:15.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

RESCHEDULES the trial commencement date to 16 February 2021.

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



Judge Péter Kovács



Judge Bertram Schmitt

Presiding Judge



Judge Chang-ho Chung

Dated 8 February 2021

At The Hague, The Netherlands