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International Criminal Court

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Date: 16 March 2022

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

**Before:** Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, Presiding

Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Judge Tomoko Akane

## SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. MAXIME JEOFFROY ELI MOKOM GAWAKA

## **Public**

Order convening a hearing for the first appearance of Mr Mokom

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

The Office of the Prosecutor Counsel for the Defence

Mr Karim A. A. Khan Mr Mame Mandiaye Niang Mr Kweku Vanderpuye

Legal Representatives of Victims

Legal Representatives of Applicants

**Unrepresented Victims Unrepresented Applicants for** 

Participation/Reparations

The Office of Public Counsel for Victims 
The Office of Public Counsel

for the Defence

States Representatives Amicus Curiae

**REGISTRY** 

RegistrarCounsel Support SectionMr Peter LewisMr Pieter Vanaverbeke

Victims and Witnesses UnitDetention SectionMr Nigel VerrillMr Harry Tjonk

Victims Participation and Reparations Other

Section

PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II of the International Criminal Court issues this order to convene a hearing for the first appearance of Mr Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka ('Mr Mokom').

- On 30 May 2014, the Government of the Central African Republic (the 'CAR') referred to the Prosecution a second situation in the CAR, concerning crimes under the jurisdiction of the Court that may have been committed since 1 August 2012.<sup>1</sup>
- On 16 March 2018, the Presidency of the Court assigned the situation in the Central African Republic II (the 'CAR II Situation') to Pre-Trial Chamber II.<sup>2</sup>
- On 30 October 2018, the Prosecution submitted an under seal, ex parte, application under article 58(7) of the Rome Statute (the 'Statute') requesting the issuance of a warrant of arrest for Mr Mokom.<sup>3</sup> On 10 December 2018, the Chamber issued the requested warrant of arrest.4
- Following his arrest in the Republic of Chad, Mr Mokom was surrendered to the Court on 14 March 2022, and arrived at the Detention Centre of the Court that same day.
- 5. Article 60(1) of the Statute and rule 121(1) of the Rules provide that an arrested person shall 'promptly' appear before the Pre-Trial Chamber and be informed of (i) the crimes he is alleged to have committed; (ii) his rights under the Statute; and (iii) the date for a hearing to confirm or to decline to confirm the charges.
- 6. Taking into account the precautionary measures in place at the Detention Centre in relation to COVID-19, which include a five day quarantine period, the Chamber schedules the first appearance of Mr Mokom for Tuesday 22 March 2022, at 14:30 hours.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The letter is annexed to the decision assigning the situation to the Chamber; see Presidency, <u>Decision</u> Assigning the Situation in the Central African Republic II to Pre-Trial Chamber II, 18 June 2014, ICC-01/14-1-Anx1. On 21 December 2004, the Government of the CAR had already referred to the Prosecution a first situation in the CAR for crimes under the jurisdiction of the Court that may have been committed since 1 July 2002 (see Presidency, Decision Assigning the Situation in the Central African Republic to Pre-Trial Chamber III, 19 January 2005, ICC-01/05-1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Decision assigning judges to divisions and recomposing Chambers, ICC-01/14-12; See also Decision assigning judges to divisions and recomposing Chambers, 16 March 2021, ICC-01/14-139.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ICC-01/14-18-US-Exp, with 11 under seal, ex parte, annexes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ICC-01/14-34-US-Exp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The public hearing will be broadcasted with a thirty-minute delay in order to protect sensitive information, in accordance with regulation 21(2) of the Regulations of the Court.

7. Pursuant to regulation 21(1) of the Regulations of the Court, the publicity of hearings may extend beyond the courtroom. Video recording is therefore authorised, as well as briefly taking photographs by the Court's photographer in the courtroom at the start of the hearing.

## FOR THESE REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

**CONVENES** the first appearance of Mr Mokom on Tuesday, 22 March 2022, at 14:30 hours;

**AUTHORISES** video recording and taking of photographs, as indicated in paragraph 7 above; and

**INSTRUCTS** the Registry to notify Mr Mokom and, once appointed, his counsel, of this order.

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

Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala

**Presiding** 

Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua

Judge Tomoko Akane

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Dated this Wednesday, 16 March 2022

At The Hague, The Netherlands

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