

Annex 31

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Subject: Order concerning ICC-01/14-01/21-363-Conf

Dear parties and participants,

The Chamber notes the 'Requête de prorogation du délai de réponse à la « Prosecution's third request to introduce prior recorded testimony pursuant to rule 68(3) » (ICC-01/14-01/21-348-Conf), à la « Prosecution's Request for In-Court Protective Measures » (ICC-01/14-01/21-356-Conf) et à la « Prosecution's fourth request to introduce prior recorded testimony pursuant to rule 68(3) » (ICC-01/14-01/21-357-Conf) en vertu de la Norme 35 du Règlement de la Cour." (ICC-01/14-01/21-363-Conf) (the 'Defence Request').

At the outset, the Chamber notes with some concern the late filing of the Defence Request, a mere 2 working days before the deadline for its response to the 'Prosecution's third request to introduce prior recorded testimony pursuant to rule 68(3)' was due to expire. This late filing lends very little time for the Prosecution and participating victims to respond, and for the Chamber to ultimately rule on the Defence Request. As a matter of course, the Chamber does not approve of the filing of extension requests so close to a response deadline and instructs the Defence to conduct itself with more diligence in future.

The above notwithstanding, and as already noted, given that the time limit for the Defence's response to the 'Prosecution's third request to introduce prior recorded testimony pursuant to rule 68(3)' expires on Monday, 20 June 2022, and in order to allow the Prosecution and participating victims time to respond to the Defence Request, the Chamber hereby:

- (i) suspends the time limits for the Defence responses to filings ICC-01/14-01/21-348-Conf, ICC-01/14-01/21-356-Conf and ICC-01/14-01/21-357-Conf pending resolution of the Defence Request; and
- (ii) orders that any responses to the Defence Request shall be filed by Tuesday, 21 June 2022, at the latest.

If no responses will be filed, the Chamber would like to be informed of this at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,

Trial Chamber VI