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Subject: Decision on request to extend judicial summer recess
Attachments: Evidentiary blocks - Schedule

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Dear all,

The Chamber takes note of the Defence's and CLRV's requests to extend the judicial summer recess due to the current circumstances. In light of the issues raised, the Chamber considers it appropriate to amend the dates of the 5th evidentiary block (see email from the Chamber on 26 May 2021, at 10:06) as follows:

23 August - 3 September 2021

The following evidentiary blocks will be held as previously communicated.

Kind regards, TC V

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Subject: RE: Judicial recess

Dear all,

The Defence for Mr Ngaïssona supports the Request of the Defence for Mr Yekatom to extend the summer judicial break, to the extent that this will not impact the schedule of the blocks six (27 September – 15 October 2021), seven (1 November – 19 November 2021) and eight (29 November – 17 December 2021).

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
On behalf of the Ngaïssona Defence

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Subject: RE: Judicial recess

Dear All,

Counsel from the OPCV support the Defence's request sharing the reasons underpinning it which also apply to the CLRV team members.

Kind regards,

Paolina Massidda and Dmytro Suprun

From: Dimitri, Mylene [REDACTED]
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Subject: Judicial recess

Dear Trial Chamber V,

The Defence for Mr Yekatom ('Defence') respectfully requests that the Chamber consider extending the summer judicial break.

It is submitted that the requested extension is warranted in light of current COVID-19-related quarantine restrictions on international travel.

A number of Defence team members wish to visit family outside of the Netherlands during the judicial break, for example in Africa and North America. A number of these intended destinations currently impose mandatory quarantine periods. On their return to The Hague, these travelling Defence team members will undergo a further quarantine period imposed by the Netherlands and/or the Court. Moreover, in the lead-up to the commencement of Evidentiary Block Five on 16 August, Defence preparation will require the presence of a number of Defence team members at the seat of the Court – for instance, for preparation of exhibits and document binders.

On account of these circumstances and limitations, the proportion of non-quarantine break would in effect be substantially reduced for a number of those Defence team members who will be traveling outside of the Netherlands. This de facto reduction would be contrary to the purpose of the mid-year break in proceedings; it would negatively affect the welfare of those Defence team members whose families are not based in The Hague; and moreover, it would likely result in the time, stress and financial costs involved in international travel outweighing the benefit thereof.

For these reasons, the Defence respectfully requests that the Trial Chamber consider extending the judicial break.

Kind regards,
Mylène Dimitri

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