

Trial Hearing  
WITNESS: CAR-OTP-P-0954

(Open Session)

ICC-01/14-01/18

1 International Criminal Court  
2 Trial Chamber V  
3 Situation: Central African Republic II  
4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Alfred Rombhot Yekatom and  
5 Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona - ICC-01/14-01/18  
6 Presiding Judge Bertram Schmitt, Judge Péter Kovács and  
7 Judge Chang-ho Chung  
8 Trial Hearing - Courtroom 1  
9 Monday, 28 March 2022  
10 (The hearing starts in open session at 10.46 a.m.)  
11 THE COURT USHER: [10:46:11] All rise.  
12 The International Criminal Court is now in session.  
13 Please be seated.  
14 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:46:36] Good morning, everyone.  
15 Court officer, please call the case.  
16 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:46:42] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours.  
17 Situation in the Central African Republic II, in the case of The Prosecutor versus  
18 Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona, case reference ICC-01/14-01/18.  
19 And for the record, we are in open session.  
20 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:46:54] Thank you.  
21 I call for the appearances of the parties.  
22 Mr Vanderpuye first.  
23 MR VANDERPUYE: [10:47:03] Good morning, Mr President. Good morning,  
24 your Honours. Good morning, everyone. Today the Prosecution is represented by  
25 Irina Galupa, Yassin Mostfa and myself, Kweku Vanderpuye. Good morning again.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:47:14] Thank you.

2 Ms Massidda.

3 MS MASSIDDA: [10:47:17] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours. For the  
4 team of Legal Representative of Victims of the other crimes appearing today,  
5 Mr Abdou Dangabo Moussa, Ms Mouhia Asso and myself, Paolina Massidda.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:47:33] Thank you.

7 MS LAU: [10:47:36] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours. Good morning,  
8 everyone. Today the former child soldiers are represented by myself, Fiona Lau,  
9 associate legal officer at the Office of Public Counsel for Victims. Thank you.

10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:47:48] I turn to the Defence, Ms Dimitri.

11 MS DIMITRI: [10:47:51] Good morning, Mr President. Good morning, your  
12 Honours. Good morning, everyone else. Mr Yekatom, who is present in the  
13 courtroom this morning, is represented by Laurence Hortas-Laberge, Victor-Louis  
14 Lapointe Saint-Pierre, Gyo Suzuki, Anta Guissé and myself, Mylène Dimitri.

15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:48:07] Thank you.

16 Mr Knoops.

17 MR KNOOPS: [10:48:10] Good morning, Mr President. Good morning,  
18 your Honours. Good morning, everyone in the courtroom. The Defence team of  
19 Mr Patrice Ngaïssona is today appearing before the Chamber with Mr Michael Rowse  
20 on my right hand; in the second row, Ms Mathilde Veronesi and Ms Camille Stuckel;  
21 on my left side, Ms Barbara Szmatula; and the defendant is in the courtroom. And  
22 Mr Landry is following the proceedings from the field office, Mr President.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:48:40] Thank you.

24 Unfortunately, we don't have a witness and the reason for that has to be discussed in  
25 closed session.

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1 (Private session at 10.49 a.m.)

2 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:49:00] We are in private session, Mr President.

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