

Trial Hearing
WITNESS: CAR-OTP-P-1339

(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 Patrice-Edouard
5 Ngaïssona - ICC-01/14-01/18
6 Presiding Judge Bertram Schmitt, Judge Péter Kovács and Judge Chang-ho Chung
7 Trial Hearing - Courtroom 1
8 Monday, 5 September 2022
9 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.43 a.m.)
10 THE COURT USHER: [9:43:26] All rise.
11 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
12 Please be seated.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:43:53] Good morning, everyone.
14 Court officer, please call the case.
15 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:43:58] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours.
16 Situation in the Central African Republic II, in the case of The Prosecutor versus
17 Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona, case reference ICC-01/14-01/18.
18 And for the record, we are in open session.
19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:14] Because there seem to be special
20 circumstances, we don't start with the appearances of the parties. I address the
21 witness directly.
22 Good morning, Mr Witness.
23 WITNESS: CAR-OTP-P-1339 (On former oath)
24 (The witness speaks Sango)
25 THE WITNESS: [9:44:37](Interpretation) Good morning, your Honour.

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1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:39] Mr Witness, I recognise that you have a
2 mask on today. There is not any such policy any more here at the Court, so you
3 need not wear a mask. And it's better for everyone if we can see your face so that we
4 also can identify, you know, what happens to you, how you feel and everything else.
5 So if you -- if there is no compelling reason to wear the mask, I would kindly ask
6 you -- thank you, Mr Witness.

7 Mr Witness, we have been informed that you don't feel well and that there are
8 potentially also some corrections to your statement that you made on Friday. Would
9 you please be so kind to explain a little bit what happened or what's going on.
10 Well, we go to private session, obviously, for that.

11 (Private session at 9.45 a.m.)

12 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:45:48] We are in private session, Mr President.

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- 22 (The hearing ends in private session at 9.52 a.m.)