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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

**Before: Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, Presiding Judge
Judge Tomoko Akane
Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez**

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

**IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR *v.* MAXIME JEOFFROY ELI MOKOM GAWAKA**

Public

**Communication on behalf of the Common Legal Representatives of Victims
on the organisation of the confirmation of charges hearing**

Source: Office of Public Counsel for Victims

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1. On 27 June 2023, Pre-Trial Chamber II (the “Chamber”) appointed Counsel from the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (the “OPCV”) to represent the collective interests of potential victims in the case pending a decision on the legal representation.¹
2. On 27 March 2023, the Chamber issued the “Decision on the legal representation of victims”, appointing, *inter alia*, Mr Dangabo Moussa, Ms Douzima-Lawson, Mr Fall and Ms Rabesandratana as the common legal representatives (the “CLR”) of victims in the case, specifying that said appointment would become effective upon the issuance of the decision on applications for victims’ participation (the “Decision on legal representation”).²
3. On 28 June 2023, the Chamber by e-mail ordered the parties and the OPCV to file observations by 11 July 2023 at the latest on the organisation of the confirmation of charges hearing scheduled to commence on 22 August 2023 (the “Order”).³
4. The same day, the Principal Counsel of the OPCV notified the Chamber by e-mail that, in light of the Decision on legal representation, and in accordance with her deontological obligations,⁴ she had informed the CLR of the Order.⁵
5. In an exchange of correspondence, the CLR have indicated to the Principal Counsel that they request to be allotted 2h30 for the opening statements and 2h for the closing statements.

¹ See the “Order on the conduct of the confirmation of charges proceedings”, [No. ICC-01/14-01/22-62](#), 27 June 2022, paras. 45-46.

² See the Decision on the legal representation of victims, [No. ICC-01/14-01/22-182](#) (the “Decision on legal representation”).

³ See the Email correspondence from the Chamber on 28 June 2023 at 09:51.

⁴ See the Decision on the legal representation of victims, [No. ICC-01/14-01/22-182](#), para. 33.

⁵ See the Email correspondence from the Principal Counsel of the OPCV on 28 June 2023 at 12:31.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paolina Massidda". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Paolina Massidda
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Dated this 3rd day of July 2023

At The Hague, The Netherlands