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Before: Judge Bertram Schmitt, Presiding Judge
Judge Péter Kovács
Judge Chang-ho Chung

SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC II

**IN THE CASE OF
THE PROSECUTOR *v.* ALFRED YEKATOM AND PATRICE-EDOUARD
NGAISSONA**

Public

**Redacted version of the “Victims and Witnesses Unit’s Observations on the
‘Ngaïssona Defence Request for In-Court Protective Measures for Witnesses D30-
P-4720’ (ICC-01/14-01/18-2388-Conf)” (ICC-01/14-01/18-2455-Conf)**

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I. Introduction

1. The Victims and Witnesses Unit (“VWU” or “Unit”) submits the present Observations on the “Ngaïssona Defence Request for In-Court Protective Measures for Witnesses D30-P-4720” (“Request”)¹ pursuant to Trial Chamber V’s (“Chamber”) Order communicated by way of email, dated 16 January 2024 (“Order”).²

II. Classification

2. In accordance with regulation 23*bis* (2) of the Regulations of the Court, the present Observations are classified as confidential as they refer to the Request which has the same classification.

III. Observations

3. The witness is a 66-year-old female born in Bangui, Central African Republic (“CAR”). She is a CAR national of Bouraka ethnicity. [REDACTED]. She was Catholic and converted to Islam when she got married. She is a widow with five adopted children, three of whom have died. Both her 20 years old son and 15 years old daughter [REDACTED]. The witness is currently unemployed.
4. On 4 April 2024, the VWU interviewed the witness in order to assess the need for in-court protective measures (“ICPMs”). The process was explained to the witness, who declared having understood it.
5. The witness requested protection measures [REDACTED].
6. The witness expressed security concerns in connection with her testimony and believes that either during or after her testimony, [REDACTED].
7. The witness mentioned [REDACTED].
8. [REDACTED]. The VWU does not consider that there are any objective identifiable risks to the witness. In addition, [REDACTED].


¹ Defence, “Ngaïssona Defence Request for In-Court Protective Measures for Witnesses D30-P-4720” (ICC-01/14-01/18-2388-Conf) 29 February 2024.

² Email from Trial Chamber V Communications, 14 March 2023 at 10:13.

9. [REDACTED].

10. [REDACTED].

11. In conclusion, the VWU does not recommend any in-court protective measures.



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on behalf of Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar

Dated this 24 April 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands