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TRIAL CHAMBER V(B)

Before: Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Presiding Judge

Judge Robert Fremr Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA

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Decision on disclosure of lesser redacted version of victim's application relating to Witness 232

Decision to be notified, in accordance with Regulation 31 of the Regulations of the

Court, to:

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Trial Chamber V(B) (the 'Chamber') of the International Criminal Court (the 'Court'), in

the case of The Prosecutor v. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, having regard to Article 68(1) of the

Rome Statute ('Statute') and Regulations 23bis and 42 of Regulations of the Court (the

'Regulations'), issues this Decision on disclosure of lesser redacted version of victim's

application relating to Witness 232.

1. On 27 August 2013, the Office of the Prosecutor ('Prosecution') filed a request for

authorisation to disclose a lesser redacted version of a victim's application relating

to Witness 232 to the defence for Mr Kenyatta ('Defence'). The proposed lesser

redacted version was attached to the request as confidential *ex parte* Annex A.

2. The application in question was submitted by Witness 232, on behalf of a relative,

during the pre-trial phase of the proceedings and was classified as ex parte

Registry and Prosecution only. A redacted form of the application was

simultaneously provided to the Defence. The Prosecution now seeks the

Chamber's permission to disclose the application to the Defence with lesser

redactions.

3. The Prosecution informs the Chamber that, in order to minimise delay in the

resolution of this request, it liaised in advance with the Legal Representative of

Victims ('Legal Representative') to establish a mutually agreed position on the

lesser redacted version of the application.2 The Prosecution submits that the

remaining redactions apply to contact information of the witness and 'innocent

third parties'. It cites to the protocol annexed to the Chamber's 'Decision on the

protocol establishing a redactions regime' ('Redaction Protocol') by way of

justification for these redactions.3

¹ Prosecution's request for authorisation to disclose with lesser redactions victim's application related to Witness 232, ICC-01/09-02/11-797.

² ICC-01/09-02/11-797, para. 3.

³ ICC-01/09-02/11-797, para. 3, referring to ICC-01/09-02/11-495-AnxA-Corr, paras 56 and 58.

- 4. No responses to the Prosecution's request were filed by the Defence or the Legal Representative.⁴
- 5. Having regard to the Legal Representative's stated agreement to the disclosure of the lesser redacted application and to the fact that the information now to be disclosed may be material to the defence's preparation for trial, the Chamber considers there is no justification to maintain the earlier redactions vis-à-vis the Defence.
- 6. As regards the redactions the Prosecution wishes to maintain it appears that, contrary to the submission of the Prosecution, they are not limited to contact information of the witness and third parties but also apply to certain personal or identifying information of the witness and third parties, such as photographs and passport, identity card and bank account numbers.
- 7. The Chamber notes that although the Redaction Protocol provides for ongoing redactions to the contact information of 'family members of witnesses' and of 'other persons at risk as a result of the activities of the Court',⁵ it is silent as to redactions to contact information of witnesses. The Redaction Protocol is similarly silent as to redactions to other personal or identifying information of persons whose identities have been disclosed. Nevertheless, since there is no clear investigative purpose that would be served by the disclosure of this contact and personal information⁶ and having regard to the need to protect the privacy of victims and witnesses in accordance with Article 68(1) of the Statute, the Chamber authorises the maintenance of the proposed limited redactions as reflected in Annex A to the request. Should the Defence consider it necessary for the purposes

⁴ Pursuant to the Chamber's direction, responses were due by 6 September 2013. See email from TC V(B) Communications, 29 August 2013, 9:37.

⁵ ICC-01/09-02/11-495-AnxA-Corr, paras 56 and 58.

⁶ The Chamber notes in particular that according to the Chamber's 'Decision on the protocol concerning the handling of confidential information and contacts with witnesses whom the opposing party intends to call', under normal circumstances contact with a witness can only be made via the calling party. ICC-01/09-02/11-469-Anx, paras 4-9.

of its investigation to be provided with information which remains redacted, it can apply for the lifting of the redaction.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

AUTHORISES the Prosecution to disclose the lesser redacted version of the victim's application relating to Witness 232 as reflected in ICC-01/09-02/11-797-Conf-Exp-AnxA.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

Judge Kuniko Ozaki, Presiding

Judge Robert Fremr

Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

Dated 18 September 2013

At The Hague, The Netherlands