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International Criminal Court

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TRIAL CHAMBER V(A)

Before: Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, Presiding

Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccia

Judge Robert Fremr

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO and JOSHUA ARAP SANG

Confidential

Decision on the Prosecution application for delayed disclosure of records of interviews with two witnesses

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

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Trial Chamber V(A) (the 'Chamber') of the International Criminal Court, in the case of *The Prosecutor v. William Samoei Ruto and Joshua Arap Sang*, having regard to Article 64(2) and (10) of the Rome Statute, renders this 'Decision on the Prosecution application for delayed disclosure of records of interviews with two witnesses'.

- 1. On 1 April 2015, the Office of the Prosecutor ('Prosecution') submitted a confidential *ex parte* application¹ seeking authorisation from the Chamber to delay disclosure to the defence of the records of interviews with two witnesses, Witness 252 and Witness 516, until 10 April 2015 or until such time as the Victims and Witnesses Unit ('VWU') finalises the implementation of the necessary protective measures to ensure the security and safety of both witnesses and their families ('Request').²
- 2. Upon direction of the Chamber,³ the VWU filed its observations on 10 April 2015 ('Observations').⁴ It submits that it has taken steps to secure the witnesses and other persons at risk and thus disclosure of the witnesses' identities and identifying information may take place.⁵
- 3. On the same day, the Prosecution informed the Chamber that, taking into account the VWU's Observations, it is effecting disclosure of the material in question forthwith.⁶
- 4. Accordingly, the Chamber considers the Request to be moot.

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¹ Prosecution's application for delayed disclosure of records of interviews with two witnesses, ICC-01/09-01/11-1850-Conf-Exp, with confidential *ex parte* Annexes A and B.

² Request, ICC-01/09-01/11-1850-Conf-Exp, paras 1 and 42.

³ Email from Legal Officer of the Chamber to the VWU on 7 April 2015, at 17:43.

⁴ Victims and Witnesses Unit's observations on the "Prosecution's application for delayed disclosure of records of interviews with two witnesses ICC-01/09-01/11-1850-Conf-Exp", ICC-01/09-01/11-1856-Conf-Exp.

⁵ Observations, ICC-01/09-01/11-1856-Conf-Exp, paras 1 and 2.

⁶ Email to Trial Chamber V(A) Communications on 10 April 2015, at 17:18.

5. The Chamber further notes that only confidential *ex parte* versions of the Request and the Observations were submitted and directs the Prosecution and VWU to file confidential-redacted versions into the record.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE CHAMBER HEREBY

DECLARES the Request to be moot; and

DIRECTS the Prosecution and the VWU to file confidential-redacted versions of the Request and the Observations into the record.

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

Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji

(Presiding)

Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccia

Judge Robert Fremr

Dated 16 April 2015

At The Hague, The Netherlands