

Statement of the African Francophone Coalitions for the International Criminal Court (AFC ICC) on the surrender of suspect Maxime Jeffroy Eli MOKOM GAWAKA to the ICC.

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On 14 March 2022, Mr Maxime Jeffroy Eli MOKOM GAWAKA was surrendered to the International Criminal Court by the authorities of the Republic of Chad under an ICC arrest warrant issued under seal on 10 December 2018. He is suspected of war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in Bangui and other locations in the Central African Republic between at least 5 December 2013 and at least December 2014.

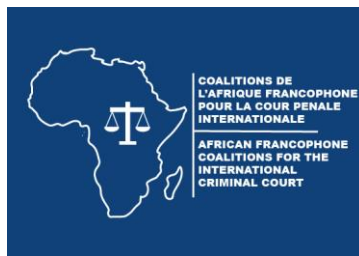
It should be noted that the suspect was arrested on Chadian territory, which has agreed to execute the arrest warrant issued by the ICC.

The first appearance of Maxime Jeffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka will take place on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at the International Criminal Court before Pre-Trial Chamber II.

It is therefore with great satisfaction that the African Francophone Coalitions for the International Criminal Court (AFC ICC) have learned of the transfer of the suspect Maxime Jeffroy Eli MOKOM GAWAKA.

This is a major step forward in the fight against impunity and justice for the many Centrafrican victims.

The African Francophone Coalitions for the International Criminal Court (AFC ICC) therefore :



- **Encourage States Parties to the Rome Statute and those harbouring suspects on their territory to collaborate with the ICC.**
- **Encourage also the Central African authorities and States to cooperate with the Special Criminal Court of the Central African Republic (SPC-CAR) in the framework of its mandate.**
- **Call on the ICC Prosecutor to prosecute all suspects in the different situations in the Central African Republic, regardless of their side.**

It is international justice and the ICC that will come out on top, with justice and reparations for the thousands of victims.

For the African Francophone Coalitions for the ICC,

The Coordinator

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Signatory organisations

1. **The Burundian Coalition for the ICC**
2. **The Central African Coalition for the ICC**
3. **The Guinean Coalition for the ICC**
4. **The Ivorian Coalition for the ICC**
5. **The Malian Coalition for the ICC**
6. **The Moroccan Coalition for the ICC**
7. **The Chadian Coalition for the ICC**
8. **DRC: BERCO and CAD ngos**
9. **Burkina Faso: Nurukyor Association for Peace and Human Rights**