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<b>الاتحاد الأفريقي</b>		<b>UNIÃO AFRICANA</b>
<b>AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS COUR AFRICAINE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME ET DES PEUPLES</b>		

**THE MATTER OF**

**SEBASTIEN GERMAIN MARIE AIKOUÉ AJAVON**

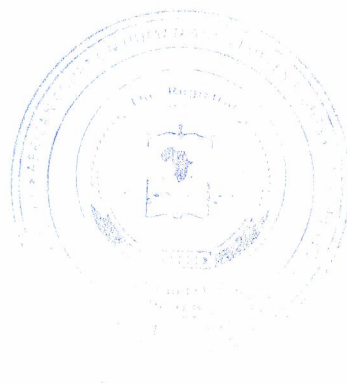
**V.**

**REPUBLIC OF BENIN**

**APPLICATION NO. 027/2020**

**RULING  
(PROVISIONAL MESURES)**

**27 NOVEMBER 2020**



**The Court composed of:** Sylvain ORÉ, President, Ben KIOKO, Vice-President, Rafaâ BEN ACHOUR, Ângelo V. MATUSSE, Suzanne MENGUE, M--Thérèse MUKAMULISA, Tujilane R. CHIZUMILA, Chafika BENSAOULA, Blaise TCHIKAYA, Stella I. ANUKAM, Imani D. ABOUD - Judges; and Robert ENO, Registrar.

In the matter of:

Sebastien Germain Marie Aikoue AJAVON

*Represented by* Mr. Issiaka MOUSTAFA, Attorney at Law at the Benin Bar.

Versus

REPUBLIC OF BENIN

*Represented by* Mr. Iréné ACOMBLESSI, Judicial Agent of the Treasury

*After deliberation,*

*Issues the following Ruling:*

## **I. THE PARTIES**

1. Mr. Sébastien Germain Marie Aïkoué AJAVON (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant") is a national of Benin. He challenges the criminal proceedings brought against him before the Court of Repression of Economic Offences and Terrorism (hereinafter referred to as "the CRIET").
2. The Application is filed against the Republic of Benin (hereinafter referred to as "the Respondent State"), which became party to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter") on 21 October 1986 and to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (hereinafter referred to as "the Protocol"), on 22 August 2014. Furthermore, on 8 February 2016, the Respondent State deposited the Declaration provided for under Article 34(6) of the Protocol (hereafter referred to as "the Declaration") through which it