



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

File number: KSC-BC-2020-06/IA030

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

Date: 21 December 2023

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Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel

Judges of the Court of Appeals Panel:

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Emilio Gatti

Judge Nina Jørgensen

Counsel for Hashim Thaçi:

Gregory Kehoe

Counsel for Kadri Veseli:

Ben Emmerson

Specialist Prosecutor:

Kimberly P. West

Counsel for Rexhep Selimi:

Geoffrey Roberts

Victims' Counsel:

Simon Laws

Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi:

Venkateswari Alagendra

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Articles 33(1)(c) and 45 of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 77, 169 and 170(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on the Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns a Court of Appeals Panel following the issuance by Trial Panel II of the “Decision on Defence Requests for Certification to Appeal the Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused’s Statements” (“Decision Granting Leave to Appeal”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 9 November 2023, Trial Panel II issued the “Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused’s Statements” (“Impugned Decision”).²
2. On 27 November 2023, Messrs Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi filed requests for certification to appeal the Impugned Decision.³
3. On 19 December 2023, Trial Panel II granted Mr Krasniqi’s and Mr Selimi’s requests for leave to appeal the Impugned Decision, in part.⁴ Trial Panel II rejected Mr Veseli’s request for leave to appeal the Impugned Decision.⁵

II. ASSIGNMENT

4. Having considered the criteria set forth in Rule 4 of the Rules on Assignment,

¹ F02022, Decision on Defence Requests for Certification to Appeal the Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused’s Statements, 19 December 2023.

² F01917, Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused’s Statements, 9 November 2023.

³ F01961, Krasniqi Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused’s Statements, 27 November 2023; F01964, Veseli Defence Request for Leave to Appeal the Decision on Prosecution Motion for the Admission of the Accused’s Statements, 27 November 2023; F01966, Selimi Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused’s Statements, 27 November 2023.

⁴ Impugned Decision, para. 94(a).

⁵ Impugned Decision, para. 94(b).

including relevant experience and expertise as well as availability of Judges at this time,

THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Emilio Gatti

Judge Nina Jørgensen

to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the appeals pursuant to the Decision Granting Leave to Appeal.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Trendafilova', written over a horizontal line.

**Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,
President of the Specialist Chambers**

Dated this Thursday, 21 December 2023
At The Hague,
The Netherlands