

**ANNEX 1 to**

**Public redacted version of 'Request for arrest warrants and related orders', filing  
KSC-BC-2020-06/F00005 dated 28 May 2020**

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## DECLARATION OF [REDACTED]

1. I, [REDACTED] affirm the following facts and information to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

2. Since May 2020, I have been working as [REDACTED] with the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO'). Previously, since October 2016, I worked as an Investigator with the SPO. Between 1998 and 2016, I worked in various investigative roles on both regional and national levels in the [REDACTED] National Police Force, including as Head of Investigations at the National Bureau of Investigations. Between 2002 and 2004, I was seconded to work in the [REDACTED]. Between 2014 and 2016, I was seconded to work in the [REDACTED].

3. My duties both with the SPO and in past positions include conducting witness and suspect interviews, and other tasks related to investigations and witness protection.

4. The following information was obtained by EULEX Special Investigative Task Force ('SITF')/SPO personnel during the course of investigative activities. In preparing this declaration, in addition to drawing from my own direct experience, I have reviewed SPO official notes and correspondence and obtained information from colleagues within the SPO.

Witness Fears

5. During the course of its investigation, the SPO and its predecessor organisation, the SITF, have interviewed and attempted to interview numerous victims, witnesses, and suspects. Many of them expressed fear about cooperating with the SPO, often recalling past experiences of witness interference. Many witnesses refused to



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cooperate with the SPO, citing fear – including fear of violence and interference by former KLA members – as a primary reason. Other witnesses who initially cooperated, ceased such cooperation or otherwise failed to cooperate fully for that same reason.

6. Among those interviewed by the SPO were witnesses who worked in Kosovo between 1998 and 2000 for international organisations such as the United Nations ('UN') and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe ('OSCE'). A number of these witnesses have expressed concerns about the security risks faced by individuals who provide assistance to the SPO and other entities investigating allegations involving former members of the Kosovo Liberation Army ('KLA').

7. For example, one former OSCE and UN employee who now works as a police officer outside of Kosovo, but who has ongoing family ties to Kosovo, declined to participate in the SPO's investigation, citing 'serial . . . problems' and 'incidents' with witnesses who testified against former KLA leaders. This individual specifically referenced witness disappearances that took place during the trial of Ramush HARADINAJ before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. This individual also described a previous incident where an employee of an international organisation working in Kosovo was closely watched by a former KLA official affiliated with the state security service at the time when the former KLA official was under investigation.

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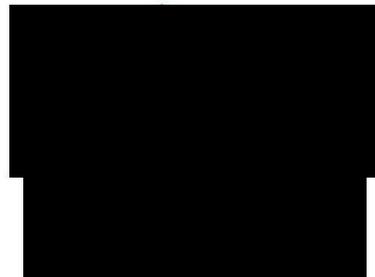
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At The Hague, the Netherlands.