



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

**In:** KSC-CC-PR-2017-03

**Before:** Ann Power-Forde, Presiding Judge of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 2 June 2017

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**File name:** Referral of the Revised Rules of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law

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**INVOCATION OF CHANGE OF VENUE**  
**for the Referral of Revised Rules of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence**  
**Pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law**

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**THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SPECIALIST CHAMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT**, acting pursuant to Article 3(8)(c) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office (the 'Law') and after consultation with the other Judges of the Constitutional Court Panel assigned on 31 May 2017 for the review of the revised rules of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, hereby invokes a change of venue to the Netherlands (the 'Host State').

1. On 31 May 2017, revised rules of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence adopted on 29 May 2017 by the Specialist Chambers Judges, except for the Judges of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, were referred to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law.
2. On the same day, the President of the Specialist Chambers, pursuant to Article 33(3) of the Law, assigned a Constitutional Court Panel to review the revised rules in order to ensure their compliance with Chapter II of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo.
3. Article 3(8)(c) of the Law provides that:

For reasons of the proper administration of justice or security,

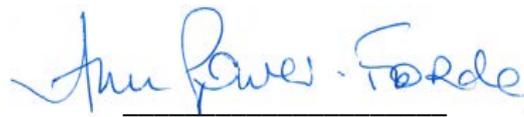
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c. ... the Presiding Judge of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court may also at [his or her] discretion invoke a change in venue to the host state for the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court so that it also sits, deliberates and receives filings and submissions at the Specialist Chambers' seat in the Host State;

4. The Presiding Judge of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court considers that the proper administration of justice requires a change in venue of the proceedings concerning the referral of revised rules of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence to the Host State for the purpose of deliberations on the said Rules and for the delivery of its Judgment thereon.

**FOR THESE REASONS, THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SPECIALIST CHAMBER  
OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT HEREBY**

**invokes** a change in venue to the Host State for the proceedings concerning the referral of revised rules of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence made before the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law.



**Judge Ann Power-Forde**  
**Presiding Judge**

Done in English on Friday, 2 June 2017,  
At The Hague, the Netherlands.