In: KSC-BC-2020-06

The Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi

and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Trial Panel II

Judge Charles L. Smith III, Presiding Judge

Judge Christoph Barthe Judge Guénaël Mettreaux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Notification from Hashim Thaçi to the Trial Panel and Request for Approval of Termination of Representation by Counsel

with one confidential Annex

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1. The Registrar hereby notifies the Trial Panel that, on Friday 19 January 2024 at 11:45 hours, it received a letter from Mr Hashim Thaçi ('Mr Thaçi'), addressed to the Trial Panel. In the letter, which is annexed to this filing, Mr Thaçi states that his contract with his Counsel, Mr Gregory Kehoe ('Me Kehoe'), has ended and that Mr Kehoe would no longer represent him.

2. Pursuant to Section 16(1) of the Registry Directive on Counsel,² the Registrar, in considering early termination of representation by Counsel, shall have due regard to the importance of continuity of representation and must obtain the approval of the Panel seised of the matter in which Counsel is acting. In this regard, the Registrar notes that, in his letter, Mr Thaçi states that the rest of his legal team will continue to represent him and raises no concerns about the continuity of his representation. Mr Thaçi has also indicated verbally that his Co-counsel, Mr Luka Mišetić, will succeed Mr Kehoe as his Counsel.³

3. Accordingly, the Registrar requests the Panel's approval the termination of Mr Kehoe's appointment as Counsel for Mr Thaçi.

4. The Registrar finally notes, pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules,⁴ that this filing and its annex are classified as confidential, as they pertain to pending issues of Mr Thaçi's legal representation.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Friday, 19 January 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹ Annex 1, confidential.

² Registry Practice Direction, Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04-Rev1, 28 April 2021, public.

³ The Registrar will obtain the necessary documents in this regard in due course.

⁴ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').