



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

**In:** KSC-BC-2023-10  
**The Specialist Prosecutor v. Sabit Januzi, Ismet Bahtijari and Haxhi Shala**

**Before:** Pre-Trial Judge  
Judge Nicolas Guillou

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

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**Registry Submissions on Correspondence with Kosovo's Ministry of Justice  
Regarding Funding for Defence Teams  
with two confidential Annexes**

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1. During a status conference held on 13 February 2024, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered the Registry to urgently contact Kosovo's Ministry of Justice, emphasising the urgency of the issue, to enquire into the status of the funding requests submitted by the three Defence teams in this case, and into the anticipated schedule for the Ministry's decision thereon.<sup>1</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge ordered the Registry to report on this by Tuesday, 20 February 2024.<sup>2</sup>
2. That same day, the Registrar wrote a letter to Kosovo's Minister of Justice, as ordered.<sup>3</sup>
3. On 14 February 2024, the Registrar received an e-mail response from the Head of Division for Coordinating the Process of Legal Protection and Financial Support for Potential Accused Persons in Trials before the Specialist Chambers, within Kosovo's Ministry of Justice.<sup>4</sup> The Registrar was informed *inter alia* that a meeting was held on 13 February 2024, in which the Defence teams were informed that their requests must be submitted in accordance with the applicable legislation, and that the completed requests would be presented to the relevant Commission as soon as they are submitted.<sup>5</sup>
4. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, the Registrar submits that this filing and its Annexes are classified as confidential since they relate to correspondence with third parties and/or contain references to personal information of staff members of the Specialist Chambers.<sup>6</sup> The Registry will confirm the extent to which this information can be shared publicly.

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<sup>1</sup> KSC-BC-2023-10, Order to Registry to contact Ministry of Justice of Kosovo, Transcript, 13 February 2023, p. 195.

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> Annex 1, confidential.

<sup>4</sup> Annex 2, confidential.

<sup>5</sup> Annex 2, confidential.

<sup>6</sup> Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev2, 2 June 2020, public; Registry Practice Direction – Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-15, 17 May 2019, public, Article 33(3).

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fidelma Donlon', is written over a horizontal line.

**Dr Fidelma Donlon**

**Registrar**

Wednesday, 14 February 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands