In: KSC-BC-2020-06

Specialist 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 Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

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Prosecution request for extension of time to respond to filing F02478

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1. Pursuant to Rule 9(5) of the Rules,¹ the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') requests an extension of deadline until Monday 26 August 2024 for its response to the Motion.² The requested extension is (i) timely, considering that the Motion was notified on 30 July 2024, and (ii) reasonable and proportionate, including in light of the ongoing judicial summer recess.

2. There is good cause for the requested extension, noting the scope and consequence of the Motion and more limited staffing during the judicial recess. The requested extension would also be in keeping with extensions of deadlines, primarily benefiting the Defence, which the Panel granted on other filings during this period, following *inter partes* agreement.³ The extension will not prejudice the Defence, who indicated they would not object to a request for an extension of deadline until after the conclusion of the summer recess.⁴

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¹ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').

² Joint Defence Motion to Exclude the Evidence of W01234, W04859, W04860 and W04570, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02478, 30 July 2024, Confidential ('Motion').

³ Oral Order of 17 July 2024. See Transcript, 17 July 2024, pp.18381-18382.

⁴ Motion, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02478, para.35.