



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

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 Guénaél Mettreaux
Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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**Notification of Termination of Representation by Counsel and
Appointment of New Counsel for Kadri Veseli
with two confidential Annexes**

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1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules,¹ the Registrar hereby informs Trial Panel II ('Panel') of the following, in respect of Mr Kadri Veseli's ('Mr Veseli') legal representation: (i) the termination of Mr Ben Emmerson's ('Mr Emmerson') appointment as Counsel; and (ii) the appointment of Mr Rodney Dixon ('Mr Dixon') as replacement Counsel.
2. On 21 August 2024, the Panel approved the early termination of Mr Emmerson's representation of Mr Veseli, finding that good cause had been shown therefor.² The Panel was satisfied that the continuity of Mr Veseli's representation will be ensured, *inter alia* due to the continuing representation by two of his existing Co-Counsel and due to the Registrar's submission that she could take immediate steps to appoint Mr Dixon as replacement Counsel to ensure that Mr Veseli is represented by Counsel at all times.³ Therefore, the Panel considered that the request for early termination of the representation accords with Mr Veseli's rights and adequately ensures his effective representation.⁴ Moreover, the Panel was satisfied that the replacement will cause no unfairness to Mr Veseli or any of his co-Accused, nor delay the proceedings.⁵ Finally, the Panel emphasized that the termination of representation will become effective on the day when new Counsel is appointed by the Registrar.⁶
3. Accordingly, on 21 August 2024, the Registrar: (i) conditionally appointed Mr Dixon, who is admitted to the List of Counsel pursuant to Sections 7(3) and 18(1) of the Directive on Counsel, as Counsel for Mr Veseli in accordance with Sections 12

¹ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020, public ('Rules'); *see also* Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, 3 August 2015, Articles 21(4), 21(5), 34(7) and 41(4)(b).

² KSC-BC-2020-06, F02497, Decision Approving the Termination of Representation by Counsel for Kadri Veseli, 21 August 2024, public ('Decision'), paras 7, 10.

³ Decision, paras 8-9.

⁴ Decision, para. 9.

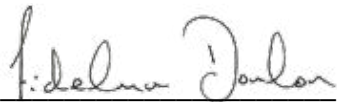
⁵ Decision, para. 9.

⁶ Decision, para. 10.

and 13 of the Directive on Counsel;⁷ and (ii) terminated the appointment of Mr Emmerson as Counsel for Mr Veseli, on the same day.⁸

4. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, the Registrar submits that the Annexes to this filing are classified as confidential as they contain personal information concerning previous Counsel and replacement Counsel.

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Registrar

Thursday, 22 August 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands

⁷ See Annex 1, Conditional Appointment Letter, KSC/REG/IOR/6787, 16 February 2024, confidential; Decision on Admission to the List of Specialist Counsel, KSC/REG/DEF/0111, 11 February 2020.

⁸ See Annex 2, Letter of Termination of Representation, KSC/REG/7188, 21 August 2024, confidential.