

SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ZYRA E PROKURORIT TË SPECIALIZUAR SPECIJALIZOVANO TUŽILAŠTVO

| In:                 | KSC-BC-2020-06  |
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|                     | Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep |
|                     | Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi                                   |
| Before:             | Trial Panel II  |
|                     | Judge Charles L. Smith, III, Presiding Judge                |
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|                     | Judge Guénaël Mettraux                                      |
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1. Pursuant to the Panel's direction,<sup>1</sup> the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') provides further submissions concerning the relevance of the materials and scheduling of witnesses concerned by the Request.<sup>2</sup>

2. The relevance of the Requested Amendments<sup>3</sup> is, in part, dependant on future preparation sessions and testimony.<sup>4</sup> At this stage, the SPO seeks Exhibit List amendment, not admission,<sup>5</sup> for the following reasons.

3. As set out previously, the materials encompassed by the Requested Amendments concern potential interference with [REDACTED] witnesses [REDACTED]. Specifically, [REDACTED].<sup>6</sup> [REDACTED], the SPO foresees the potential need to use or otherwise tender the Requested Amendments to clarify, challenge, and/or contextualise their evidence.<sup>7</sup>

4. Additionally, [REDACTED] witnesses concerned by the Requested Amendments [REDACTED],<sup>8</sup> or [REDACTED].<sup>9</sup> The materials encompassed by the Requested Amendments are therefore also *prima facie* relevant and important for a full assessment of the subject matter and circumstances of such testimony.<sup>10</sup>

5. The Requested Amendments are also relevant to the climate of interference and intimidation in which all witnesses are testifying in this case and the Panel's holistic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Realtime Transcript, 23 May 2024 (Private Session), pp.3-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Prosecution request to amend the Exhibit List, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, 1 May 2024, Confidential ('Request'), paras 1-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, para.1 (defining the 'Requested Amendments' and 'Exhibit List').

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *See also* Prosecution consolidated reply relating to its request to amend the Exhibit List (F02279), KSC-BC-2020-06/F02323, 12 May 2024, Confidential ('Reply'), para.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, paras 1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, paras 1-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, paras 2-3; Reply, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02323, paras 1, 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See e.g. Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, paras 4(b), 6(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Requested Amendment 116083 061023-111500-135746-TR-AT-ET, pp.116-120 ([REDACTED]). *See also* Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, para.4(a); Email to Panel, Parties, and participants dated (notifying, *inter alia*, that the SPO would lead [REDACTED]).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, paras 2-3 (and sources cited therein); Reply, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02323, paras 1, 4 (and sources cited therein).

assessment of the evidence at the conclusion of the trial, and the charges, including, potentially, state of mind.<sup>11</sup>

6. Considering the Panel's view that the pending Court of Appeals decision would assist the Panel in its determination of the issues arising from the THAÇI Motion<sup>12</sup> and Request,<sup>13</sup> the SPO confirms [REDACTED]. In this respect, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED],<sup>14</sup> [REDACTED].<sup>15</sup> Moreover, relevant logistical arrangements have also either already been made or are in the process of being made for [REDACTED] (the SPO is additionally cognisant in this regard of [REDACTED]). [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].

7. The decision to proceed [REDACTED] – which, as outlined above, is intended to [REDACTED] – is without prejudice to any request for appropriate relief, including [REDACTED], if the Request is ultimately granted.

8. This filing is confidential pursuant to Rule 82(4) of the Rules.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02279, paras 2-3 (and sources cited therein); Reply, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02323, paras 1, 4 (and sources cited therein).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Thaçi Defence Motion for exclusion of materials *in limine*, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02312/CONF, 17 May 2023, Confidential and *Ex Parte* ('THAÇI Motion').

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Realtime Transcript, 23 May 2024 (Private Session), p.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Including from those who [REDACTED].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *See also* Prosecution response to Defence request for extension of time (F02289), KSC-BC-2020-06/F02296, 8 May 2024, Confidential, para.5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').