

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

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1. In line with the Panel's Order,¹ the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') hereby reports on further progress in streamlining its witness list. A detailed outline towards completion of the SPO's case, and the steps being taken towards expediting the case, was set out in Filing F02400.² The SPO remains on course in line with the roadmap set out in that filing; indeed - based on the ongoing progress of the case, including the significant streamlining work being undertaken - the SPO considers it increasingly likely that the Target Date will be met.³

- 2. The SPO no longer intends to rely upon the evidence of the following eleven (11) witnesses: [REDACTED]. In addition, the SPO intends to submit the evidence of the following seven (7) witnesses in writing, rather than calling them to testify:⁴ [REDACTED];⁵ [REDACTED];⁶ [REDACTED].⁷
- 3. The SPO will continue to review and, where appropriate, adjust its case presentation. Specifically, taking account of *inter alia* upcoming witnesses (and subject

¹ Transcript 29 May 2024, T.16328 ('Order').

² Prosecution submissions concerning the completion of its case, KSC-BC-2020-06/F02400, 21 June 2024, ('Filing F02400').

³ Subject to the smooth completion of the upcoming block, and based on current information regarding cooperation and availability, the SPO anticipates being approximately a month ahead of what was forecast in the roadmap filing. Since that filing was submitted: (i) an additional 12 witnesses have testified, with 11 further witnesses scheduled to testify in the block commencing today; and (ii) 18 changes to the witness list are notified by way of this filing, with further changes anticipated.

⁴ All will be submitted pursuant to Rule 153, save for [REDACTED] (who are both now anticipated to be submitted pursuant to Rule 155 due to their health status).

⁵ Already notified in KSC-BC-2020-06/F02400.

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⁷ In addition, the following three witnesses have been converted from Rule 153 to Rule 155: [REDACTED].

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to decisions on evidentiary motions), it is envisaged that the SPO will be in a position to notify at least seven additional changes to its witness list on 1 November 2024.

4. This filing is submitted as confidential pursuant to Rule 82(4).8

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At The Hague, the Netherlands.

⁸ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules'). All references to 'Rule' or 'Rules' herein refer to the Rules, unless otherwise specified.