

In: KSC-CA-2024-03
The Specialist Prosecutor v. Pjetër Shala

Before: A Panel of the Court of Appeals Chamber
Judge Michèle Picard
Judge Kai Ambos
Judge Nina Jørgensen

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

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**Defence Response to Prosecution Request for Extension of Time to File its
Response Brief**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Rule 76 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”), the Defence for Mr Pjetër Shala (“Defence”) hereby responds to the Prosecution’s request for extension of time to file its Response Brief.¹

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

2. On 14 October 2024, the Defence filed a motion requesting the Court of Appeals Panel to extend the deadline to file its appeal brief to 16 December 2024 and grant an extension of the word limit of 15,000 words for the appeal brief.²
3. On 30 October 2024, the Appeals Panel granted the Defence motion in part, authorizing the Defence to file an appeal brief of no more than 32,000 words by 25 November 2024.³
4. On 6 November 2024, the Prosecution requested an extension of time to file its Response Brief by 27 January 2025.⁴

III. SUBMISSIONS

5. The Defence does not object to the Prosecution’s Request and its requested extension of the deadline to file its Response Brief by 27 January 2025. The Defence agrees with the Prosecution that granting such extension would be reasonable in the circumstances due to the upcoming winter judicial recess.⁵

¹ KSC-CA-2024-03, F00022, Prosecution request for extension of time to file its Response Brief, 6 November 2024 (“Prosecution Request”). All further references to filings in this Response concern Case No. KSC-CA-2024-03 unless otherwise indicated.

² F00018, Defence Motion for Variation of Time and Word Limits to File Appeal Brief, 14 October 2024, paras. 1, 23. *See also* F00019, Prosecution response to ‘Defence Motion for Variation of Time and Word Limits to File Appeal Brief’, 25 October 2024.

³ F00021, Decision on Defence Motion for Variation of Time and Word Limits to File Appeal Brief, 30 October 2024, paras. 13, 15, 16.

⁴ Prosecution Request, paras. 1, 5, 11.

⁵ Prosecution Request, para. 3.

The requested extension would not unduly delay the overall expeditiousness of the proceedings.

IV. CLASSIFICATION

6. Pursuant to Rules 82(3) and (4) of the Rules, the Response is filed as public as it does not contain any confidential information.

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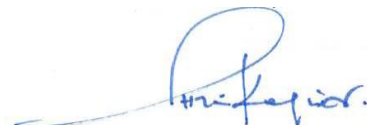
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