



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

In: KSC-BC-2023-10

**The Specialist Prosecutor v. Sabit Januzi, Ismet Bahtijari and
Haxhi Shala**

Before: Trial Panel I

Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia, Presiding Judge

Judge Roland Dekkers

Judge Gilbert Bitti

Judge Vladimir Mikula, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

Date: 14 November 2024

Language: English

Classification: Confidential

Order on Suspension of Time Limits

To be notified to:

Specialist Prosecutor
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TRIAL PANEL I (Panel) hereby renders this order on suspension of time limits.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 24 October 2024, the Panel decided that the trial shall open on 14 November 2024, and that the presentation of evidence by the Specialist Prosecutor's Office (SPO) shall commence on 9 December 2024.¹

2. On 11 November 2024, the SPO, the Defence for Haxhi Shala, the Defence for Sabit Januzi and the Defence for Ismet Bahtijari (collectively, Defence and Accused) notified the Panel that they are in the final stages of concluding, for each of the accused, plea agreements pursuant to Rule 94 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (Rules).²

3. On 12 November 2024, upon request of the Parties, the Panel adjourned the hearings of 14 and 15 November 2024.³

4. On 13 November 2024, the SPO informed the Panel that it entered into plea agreements with each accused and disclosed said agreements to the Panel (Rule 94 Notification).⁴

5. The SPO and the Defence further asked the Panel to, *inter alia*, "suspend all current filing deadlines" (Request).⁵

¹ KSC-BC-2023-10, F00559, Trial Panel I, *Decision on the date for the commencement of the trial*, 24 October 2024, public.

² KSC-BC-2023-10, F00587, Specialist Prosecutor, *Joint Submission regarding Rule 94*, 11 November 2024, confidential, para. 1.

³ KSC-BC-2023-10, F00593, Trial Panel I, *Order on Adjournment of Hearings*, 12 November 2024, confidential, para. 5(a). A public redacted version was issued on the same day, F00593/RED.

⁴ KSC-BC-2023-10, F00596, Specialist Prosecutor, *URGENT Prosecution notification of plea agreements*, 13 November 2024, confidential, para. 1, with Annexes 1-3, confidential. A corrected version was filed on 14 November 2024, F00596/COR.

⁵ Rule 94 Notification, para. 2.

II. APPLICABLE LAW

6. The Panel notes Article 40(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office and Rules 94 and 116(1) of the Rules.

III. ANALYSIS

7. In light of the disclosure of the written plea agreements, and without any prejudice to the Panel's determination on said agreements, the Panel hereby grants the Request and suspends all previously set time limits for future filings, with the exception of the time limits pertaining to the review of the Accused's detention.

8. The Panel also reminds the Parties of their obligation to abide by the time limits set to submit public redacted versions of their filings or to request the reclassification thereof.

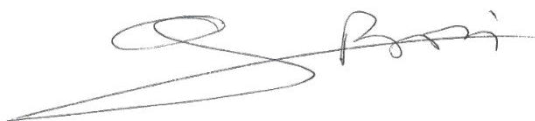
IV. DISPOSITION

9. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:

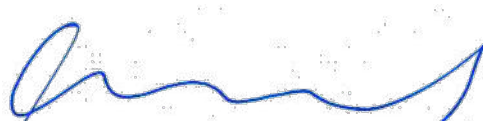
- a. **GRANTS** the Request; and
- b. **SUSPENDS** all time limits for future filings previously set, with the caveat set out in paragraph 7 above.



Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia
Presiding Judge



Judge Gilbert Bitti



Judge Roland Dekkers

Dated this Thursday, 14 November 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands.