

**In:** KSC-BC-2023-12  
**The Specialist Prosecutor v Hashim Thaci, Bashim Smakaj,  
Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuci**

**Before:** Pre-trial Judge  
Judge Marjorie Masselot

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

**Filing Participant:** Duty Counsel for B. Smakaj

**Date:** 3 January 2025

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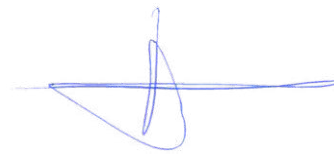
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1. On Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Smakaj appeared before the Single Judge in the Initial Appearance.
2. At said Initial Appearance the Pre-trial judge informed Mr. Smakaj according to the provisions and rights set in Article 39(5) of the Law and in Rule 92 (2).
3. Pursuant to Rule 92 (2)(c) Mr. Smakaj wishes to submit a plea of:

**NOT GUILTY**

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The Hague, the Netherlands