

In: KSC-BC-2013-12
Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj, Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi

Before: Pre-Trial Judge
Judge Marjorie Masselot

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Specialist Counsel for Hashim Thaçi

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Thaçi Defence Notice of Mr Hashim Thaçi's Plea

With Public Annex 1

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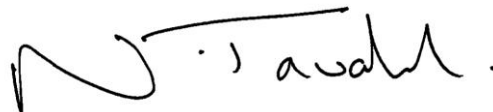
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1. On 29 November 2024, the Pre-Trial Judge partly confirmed an Indictment against Messrs Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj, Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi.¹ On the same day, the Pre-Trial Judge issued arrest warrants for Messrs Thaçi, Smakaj, Kilaj and Fazliu and a summons for Mr Kuçi.² On 2 December 2024, the SPO filed a confirmed indictment (“Indictment”).³ On 5 December 2024, Mr Thaçi was served with the arrest warrant⁴ and Indictment⁵ at the SC Detention Facilities.
2. On 10 December 2024, Mr Thaçi appeared before the Pre-Trial Judge for his initial appearance. He did not enter a plea.
3. During the status conference of 17 December 2024, the Pre-Trial Judge indicated that Mr Thaçi could enter a plea in writing by 7 January 2025 at 12.00.⁶
4. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 92 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, Mr Thaçi’s written plea of not guilty on each count and charge in the Indictment is annexed to the present submissions.

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Respectfully submitted,



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¹ Confirmation Decision.

² KSC-BC-2023-12/F00037, Decision on Request for Arrest Warrants and Related Matters, 29 November 2024.

³ KSC-BC-2023-12/F00040, Submission of Confirmed Indictment, with Annex 1, 2 December 2024.

⁴ KSC-BC-2023-12/F00048, Notification of Service of Arrest Warrant on Hashim Thaçi Pursuant to Rule 55(4), 5 December 2024.

⁵ KSC-BC-2023-12/F00059, Decision Setting the Date for Initial Appearances and Related Matters, 6 December 2024, para. 4.

⁶ KSC-BC-2023-12, Transcript of 17 December 2024, p. 130.