



SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
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**In:** KSC-CA-2024-03  
**Before:** Court of Appeals Panel  
Judge Michèle Picard  
Judge Kai Ambos  
Judge Nina Jørgensen  
**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon  
**Filing Participant:** Specialist Prosecutor's Office  
**Date:** 13 January 2025  
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**Prosecution request for extension of word limit for response brief**

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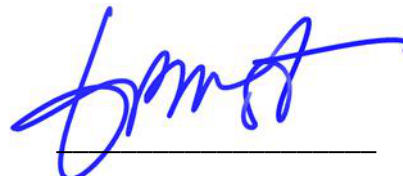
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1. Pursuant to Rule 179 of the Rules<sup>1</sup> and Article 36(1) of the Practice Direction,<sup>2</sup> the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') requests an extension of 2,000 words for its response brief, which will be filed on 17 January 2025. The request is timely, being made on the first working day following the judicial recess and in advance of the deadline, and based on good cause.
2. On 30 October 2024, the Panel granted the Defence an extension of 2,000 words for the appeal brief 'to make their points fully and to ensure clarity and cogency'.<sup>3</sup> The SPO requests the same limited extension of 2,000 words for the response brief to likewise ensure full clarity and cogency, and considering the nature and number of the grounds raised in the appeal brief.
3. In light of the foregoing, there is good cause for an extension of the word limit for the response brief to a total of 32,000 words.<sup>4</sup> Such an extension would cause no prejudice to the Defence, which received the same limited extension for the appeal brief.

**Word count: 249**



**Kimberly P. West**

**Specialist Prosecutor**

Monday, 13 January 2025

At The Hague, the Netherlands.

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<sup>1</sup> Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').

<sup>2</sup> Practice Direction on Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-15, 17 May 2019 ('Practice Direction').

<sup>3</sup> Decision on Defence Motion for Variation of Time and Word Limits to File Appeal Brief, KSC-CA-2024-03/F00021, 30 October 2024, Public, para.15.

<sup>4</sup> The standard word limit is 30,000 words for a brief in response. *See* Practice Direction, Article 49(3).