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In: KSC-BC-2023-12
Before: Pre-Trial Judge
Judge Marjorie Masselot
Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon
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Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi
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**Notification of Appointment and Termination of Representation of
Specialist Counsel for Hashim Thaçi**

with two confidential Annexes

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1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules¹ and the Pre-Trial Judge's Decision,² the Registrar hereby notifies the Pre-Trial Judge of the following, in respect of Mr Hashim Thaçi's ('Mr Thaçi') legal representation: (i) the appointment of Ms Sophie Menegon ('Ms Menegon') as Specialist Counsel; and (ii) the termination of Ms Nina Tavakoli's ('Ms Tavakoli') appointment as Specialist Counsel.
2. On 6 February 2025, the Registrar notified the Pre-Trial Judge of a letter from Ms Tavakoli seeking early termination of her appointment as Counsel for Mr Thaçi.³
3. On 10 February 2025, the Registrar notified the Pre-Trial Judge of Mr Thaçi's request to have Ms Menegon appointed as his Specialist Counsel.⁴
4. On 12 February 2025, the Pre-Trial Judge approved the request for the termination of Ms Tavakoli's appointment as Specialist Counsel for Mr Thaçi, noting the impending appointment of Ms Menegon as replacement Specialist Counsel, ensuring continuity of representation for Mr Thaçi.⁵
5. Accordingly, the Registrar hereby informs the Pre-Trial Judge that, on 13 February 2025, she: (i) appointed Ms Menegon, who is admitted to the List of Specialist Counsel in accordance with Rules 25(1) and 26(1) of the Rules and the Directive on Counsel,⁶ as Specialist Counsel for Mr Thaçi;⁷ and (ii) terminated the appointment of Ms Tavakoli as Specialist Counsel, in accordance with Sections 12 and 13 of the Directive on Counsel.⁸

¹ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3, 2 June 2020, public ('Rules'); *see also* Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, 3 August 2015, Articles 21(4)-(5), 34(7), 41(4)(b).

² KSC-BC-2023-12, F00174, Decision Approving the Termination of Representation by Counsel for Hashim Thaçi, 12 February 2025, confidential ('Decision'), para. 12.

³ F00161/COR, Corrected Version of Notification of Letter from Counsel for Mr Hashim Thaçi Seeking Early Termination of Appointment with two confidential and *ex parte* Annexes, 6 February 2025, public.

⁴ F00167, Registrar's Notification of Documents Further to Letter from Counsel for Mr Hashim Thaçi Seeking Early Termination of Appointment with one confidential and *ex parte* Annex, 10 February 2025, public.

⁵ Decision, para. 10.

⁶ Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04-Rev2, 22 February 2024, public.

⁷ Annex 1, Appointment Letter and Termination of Appointment as Co-Counsel, KSC/REG/IOR/7667, 13 February 2025, confidential.

⁸ Annex 2, Termination Letter, KSC/REG/IOR/7668, 13 February 2025, confidential.

6. This notification is filed confidentially pursuant to Rule 82(4) of the Rules, in line with the classification of the Pre-Trial Judge's Decision. The Registrar has no objection to the notification being reclassified as public. Conversely, Annexes 1 and 2 to the notification are filed confidentially as they contain personal information concerning (former) Specialist Counsel.

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Registrar

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