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In: KSC-BC-2023-12/IA002
Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj,
Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu, and Hajredin Kuçi

Before: Court of Appeals Panel
Judge Michèle Picard
Judge Emilio Gatti
Judge Nina Jørgensen

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Prosecution request for extension of time to file consolidated reply

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1. Pursuant to Rules 9(5)(a) and 76 of the Rules,¹ and further to the Court of Appeals Panel's Decision² authorising the Defence for Smakaj and Fazliu to file their responses to the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') Appeal³ by Monday, 3 March 2025, the SPO hereby requests a four-day extension of time to file its reply to the Thaçi and Kilaj Responses.⁴ In particular, the SPO seeks leave to file, by Friday 7 March 2025, a consolidated reply to all Defence Teams' responses to its Appeal.⁵
2. Good cause exists for the sought extension. Filing a consolidated reply is in the interests of judicial economy as it will permit the SPO to address all Defence challenges to its Appeal at once, avoid duplicative and/or overlapping replies, and better focus the issues for appeal determination.
3. The request is filed sufficiently in advance of the expiration of the time limit, and as soon as practicable after the SPO was notified of the Decision. The limited extension

¹ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules'). All references to 'Rule' or 'Rules' herein refer to the Rules, unless otherwise specified.

² Decision on Smakaj and Fazliu Joint Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to the Specialist Prosecutor's Office's Appeal Against the Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment, KSC-BC-2023-12/IA002/F00004, 25 February 2025 ('Decision').

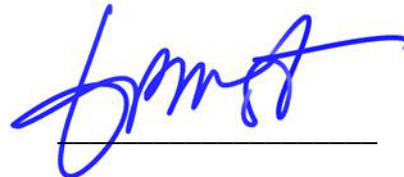
³ Prosecution appeal against the 'Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment' (F00036), KSC-BC-2023-12/IA002/F00002, 12 February 2025, Confidential ('Appeal'). A public redacted version was filed on 14 February 2025.

⁴ Thaçi Defence Response to Prosecution appeal against the 'Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment', KSC-BC-2023-12/IA002/F00005, 24 February 2025; Kilaj response to Prosecution appeal against the "Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment" (F00036), KSC-BC-2023-12/IA002/F00006, 24 February 2025, Confidential (collectively 'Thaçi and Kilaj Responses').

⁵ Pursuant to Rule 76, the SPO should file its reply to the Thaçi and Kilaj Responses by Monday 3 March 2025.

of time will not affect the expeditiousness of the adjudication of the Appeal, and no prejudice will be caused to the Thaçi and Kilaj Defence.

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