



File number: KSC-BC-2023-10/CR001

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

Date: 25 March 2025

Language: English

Classification: Confidential and *Ex Parte*

Decision Assigning a Single Judge

Single Judge:

Judge Marjorie Masselot

Haxhi Shala

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Article 33(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”), Rule 56(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”) and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns a Single Judge to decide on the “Urgent Request for Leave to Visit on Compelling Humanitarian Grounds with three ex parte confidential Annexes” (“Request”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 4 February 2025, Trial Panel I issued an oral decision under Rule 94 of the Rules, approving the plea agreement entered into by Mr Haxhi Shala, wherein he admitted guilt to one charge of obstructing official persons in performing official duties and one charge of intimidation in criminal proceedings, and sentenced him to three years of imprisonment, with credit for time served.²

2. On 21 March 2025, Mr Haxhi Shala filed the Request, which was notified to the President on 24 March 2025.

II. CLASSIFICATION

3. The Request is classified as confidential and *ex parte*. The present decision will therefore bear the same classification in accordance with Rule 82(4) of the Rules, until it is reclassified in due course consistent with Rule 3(4) of the Rules on Assignment.

¹ CR001/F00001, Urgent Request for leave to Visit on Compelling Humanitarian Grounds with three ex parte confidential Annexes, 25 March 2025 (confidential and *ex parte*).

² Transcript, 4 February 2025, pp. 616-617 (confidential); KSC-BC-2023-10/F00693/RED, Public redacted version of Reasons for the Decision on the Plea Agreements, 27 February 2025, para. 114.

III. ASSIGNMENT

4. The President notes that Trial Panel I ceased to exist following the pronouncement of its judgment and related proceedings in this case. Accordingly, since there is no Panel seised of this case at present, the President shall assign a Single Judge in accordance with Article 33(2) of the Law.

5. Having considered the criteria set forth in Rule 4(2) of the Rules on Assignment, including relevant experience and expertise as well as availability at this time,

THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:

Judge Marjorie Masselot

as Single Judge to adjudicate the Request and any related matter thereto.



**Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,
President of the Specialist Chambers**

Dated this Tuesday, 25 March 2025
At The Hague,
The Netherlands