In: KSC-BC-2020-06

The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli,

Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Trial Panel II

Judge Charles L. Smith, III, Presiding Judge

Judge Christoph Barthe

Judge Guénaël Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Victims' Counsel's Second request for admission of supplementary information on harm and related request with confidential annex 1

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I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. Pursuant to Article 22 (3), (6), (7) and Article 37(1) and (3)(c) and Article 40(6) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law"), Rules 114(4)(a) and (5), 138(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), and the Trial Panel's oral orders of 23 April 2025,¹ Victims' Counsel files this second request for admission into evidence of supplementary information on harm ("SIH") suffered by victims' participating in the proceedings ("VPPs").
- 2. As itemised in the annex to this request, 20 SIHs are submitted herewith. Further SIHs will be submitted on 1 July 2025.
- 3. Victims' Counsel also requests an extension of time until 18 July 2025 to complete the submission of the SIHs.

II. CLASSIFICATION

4. This submission is classified as public as it contains no confidential information.

III. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 5. On 23 April 2025, Victims' Counsel informed the Panel and the Parties of his intention to adduce documents containing supplementary information on harm.²
- 6. On the same day, the Trial Panel ordered Victims' Counsel to submit such of these documents as were ready by 28 May 2025, to submit further such documents on a rolling basis and to complete the submission of them by 1 July 2025.³
- 7. On 15 May 2025, the Trial Panel admitted four further VPPs to participate in the proceedings.⁴

¹ Specialist Prosecutor v. Thaci et al, KSC-BC-2020-06, In Court – Oral Order, 23 April 2025, 26177:1 - 26177:21 and In Court – Oral Order, 23 April 2025, 26183:17-26184:1 and 26184:17-26184:19 ("Oral Orders").

² Status Conference, T. 23 April 2025, 26157:25-26158:11.

³ In Court – Oral Order, 23 April 2025, 26183:17-26184:1 and 26184:17-26184:19.

⁴ F03179, Consolidated Decision on the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Registry Report on Victims' Applications for Participation in the Proceedings, 15 May 2025.

- 8. On 28 May 2025, Victims' Counsel's Request for admission of supplementary information on harm with confidential annex 1 was submitted.⁵
- 9. On 4 June 2025, the Trial Panel admitted a further VPP to participate in the proceedings.⁶

IV. SUBMISSIONS

- 10. Victims' Counsel adopts by reference his submissions on the applicable law, the need for SIHs, the content of the SIHs, and the legal basis of the SIHs as set out in the SIH Request.
- 11. The SIHs submitted with this second request follow the format and structure of those submitted in the SIH Request.

V. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

- 12. Further, Victims' Counsel requests an extension of time until 18 July 2025 for the submission of further SIHs in addition to those submitted by 1 July 2025.
- 13. An extension is justified for the following reasons. First, since the Oral Orders were made on 23 April 2025, five new VPPs have been admitted to participate in the case. This adds significantly to the time that will be required to complete the submission of the SIHs. Victims' Counsel has not discussed the issue of harm with these VPPs previously. Therefore, preparing SIHs for them involves holding sufficient meetings for them to provide a full account of their harm, compiling a draft which needs to be translated and sent to the VPP for their approval and signature, with further translation work if there are corrections or additions.
- 14. Second, the process of completing the submission of the SIHs of all those victims who were admitted to participate in the proceedings prior to the Oral Orders is unlikely to be completed by 1 July 2025. Completion of the SIHs is a laborious

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⁵ F03208, Victims' Counsel's Request for admission of supplementary information on harm with confidential annex 1, 28 May 2025 ("SIH Request").

⁶ F03227, Decision on the Twentieth Registry Report on Victims' Applications for Participation in the Proceedings, 4 June 2025.

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process for each VPP, which has been complicated by difficulties reaching a

number of VPPs. Some VPPs are delayed in responses, and others do not use the

internet or have a smart phone. In the case of the latter, this has meant that the

process of completing and authenticating their SIHs is particularly time-

consuming. However, it is still estimated that the majority of the SIHs will be

submitted by 1 July.

15. In light of the above, good cause exists for the extension. This Request for

extension is timely: it is submitted 10 days before the expiry of the relevant

deadline and it will not add to the overall length of the proceedings. Victims'

Counsel notes that evidence on behalf of the VPPs will be called from 16 July

2025,⁷ and that it is the intention of the Trial Panel to hold the Defence Preparation

Conference in the week commencing 21 July 2025.8 Further, there will be no

prejudice to the Parties as a result of this extension.

VI. RELIEF REQUESTED

16. For the foregoing reasons, Victims' Counsel requests the Trial Panel to:

admit the SIHs listed in Annex 1 as evidence of the harm suffered by VPPs

in this case, and

extend the deadline for the submission of SIHs to 18 July 2025. ii.

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⁷ F03232, Revised Scheduling Order, 5 June 2025, para. 12 (d).

⁸ Ibid. para. 12(f).

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