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Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

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Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel

Judges of the Court of Appeals Panel:

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Kai Ambos

Judge Nina Jørgensen

Counsel for Hashim Thaçi:

Luka Mišetić

Counsel for Kadri Veseli:

Rodney Dixon

Specialist Prosecutor:

Kimberly P. West

Counsel for Rexhep Selimi:

Geoffrey Roberts

Victims' Counsel:

Simon Laws

Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi:

Venkateswari Alagendra

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Article 33(1)(c) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 77, 82(4), 169 and 170(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”) and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on the Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns a Court of Appeals Panel following the issuance by Trial Panel II of the “Decision on Joint Defence Request for Leave to Appeal Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witness W04875” (“First Decision Granting Leave to Appeal”),¹ “Decision on Joint Defence Consolidated Request for Leave to Appeal Decisions on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witnesses W04826 and W04874 (F03201 and F03203)” (“Second Decision Granting Leave to Appeal”),² “Decision on Joint Defence Request for Leave to Appeal Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Documents concerning Murder Victims and Related Request” (“Third Decision Granting Leave to Appeal”),³ and “Decision on Joint Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Decision on SPO Motion for Admission of W04747’s Evidence Pursuant to Rule 155” (“Fourth Decision Granting Leave to Appeal”, Collectively “Decisions Granting Leave to Appeal”).⁴

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 27 May 2025, Trial Panel II rendered the “Decision on the Admission of Expert

¹ F03297, Decision on Joint Defence Request for Leave to Appeal Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witness W04875, 1 July 2025 (Public).

² F03298, Decision on Joint Defence Consolidated Request for Leave to Appeal Decisions on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witnesses W04826 and W04874 (F03201 and F03203), 1 July 2025 (Public).

³ F03299, Decision on Joint Defence Request for Leave to Appeal Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Documents concerning Murder Victims and Related Request, 1 July 2025 (Public).

⁴ F03300, Decision on Joint Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Decision on SPO Motion for Admission of W04747’s Evidence Pursuant to Rule 155, 1 July 2025 (confidential).

Evidence of Witness W04875,”⁵ “Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of W04826 (‘F03201’),”⁶ and “Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of W04874 (‘F03203’).”⁷

2. On 29 May 2025, Trial Panel II issued the “Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Documents concerning Murder Victims and Related Request”.⁸

3. On 3 June 2025, the Defence of Hashim Thaçi (“Mr Thaçi”), Kadri Veseli (“Mr Veseli”), Rexhep Selimi (“Mr Selimi”), and Jakup Krasniqi (“Mr Krasniqi”) filed the “Joint Defence Request for Leave to Appeal Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witness W04875 (F03202)”,⁹ and “Joint Defence Consolidated Request for Leave to Appeal Decisions on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witnesses W04826 and W04874 (F03201 and F03203)”.¹⁰

4. On 5 June 2025, the Defence of Messrs Thaçi, Veseli, Selimi and Krasniqi filed the “Joint Defence Request for Leave to Appeal Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Documents concerning Murder Victims and Related Request (F03211)”,¹¹ and the “Joint Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Decision on

⁵ F03202, Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witness W04875, 27 May 2025 (Public).

⁶ F03201, Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of W04826 (“F03201”), 27 May 2025 (Public). A corrected version was issued on 16 June 2025, F03201/COR.

⁷ F03203, Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of W04874 (“F03203”), 27 May 2025 (Public).

⁸ F03211, Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Documents concerning Murder Victims and Related Request, 29 May 2025 (confidential).

⁹ F03222, Joint Defence Request for Leave to Appeal Decision on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witness W04875 (F03202), 3 June 2025 (confidential). A public redacted version was filed on 30 June 2025, F03222/RED.

¹⁰ F032223, Joint Defence Consolidated Request for Leave to Appeal Decisions on the Admission of Expert Evidence of Witnesses W04826 and W04874 (F03201 and F03203), 3 June 2025 (confidential). A public redacted version was filed on 30 June 2025, F03223/RED.

¹¹ F03238, Joint Defence Request for Leave to Appeal Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Documents concerning Murder Victims and Related Request (F03211), 5 June 2025 (confidential).

SPO Motion for Admission of W04747's Evidence Pursuant to Rule 155".¹²

5. On 1 July 2025, Trial Panel II issued the First Decision Granting Leave to Appeal, Second Decision Granting Leave to Appeal, Third Decision Granting Leave to Appeal and the Fourth Decision Granting Leave to Appeal wherein, *inter alia*, it granted in part the Defences' requests.¹³

II. ASSIGNMENT

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

THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:

Judge Michèle Picard

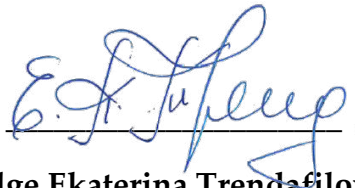
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to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on each of the four individual Appeals pursuant to the Decisions Granting Leave to Appeal and on any matter related thereto.

¹² F03239, Joint Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the Decision on SPO Motion for Admission of W04747's Evidence Pursuant to Rule 155, 5 June 2025 (confidential).

¹³ F03297, First Decision Granting Leave to Appeal, para. 49; Second Decision Granting Leave to Appeal, p. 17; Third Decision Granting Leave to Appeal, para. 28; Fourth Decision Granting Leave to Appeal, para. 57.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Trendafilova', written over a horizontal line.

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

Dated this Friday, 4 July 2025
At The Hague,
The Netherlands