



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
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**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 Guénaél Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 11 July 2025

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**Scheduling Order for the Pronouncement of the Decision on the Joint Defence  
Motion pursuant to Rule 130**

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**TRIAL PANEL II** ("Panel"), pursuant to Articles 21(4)(d), 22(6), and 40(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law") and Rules 114 and 130(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby renders this order.

## I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 15 April 2025, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") filed a notice announcing the closing of its case.<sup>1</sup>
2. On 23 April 2025, the Panel ordered: (i) the Defence teams for the four Accused (collectively, "Defence") to file its joint Rule 130 motion ("Rule 130 Motion") by Monday, 2 June 2025, or within 14 days of the Panel's last ruling on admission of evidence, whichever is later; and (ii) the SPO to file its consolidated response by Tuesday, 1 July 2025, or within 30 days of the Rule 130 Motion, whichever is later.<sup>2</sup>
3. On 28 May 2025, Victims' Counsel filed submissions on the presentation of the Victims' case<sup>3</sup> as well as his witness and exhibit lists, and requested that two of the expert witnesses testify at the same time, and together.<sup>4</sup>
4. On 29 May 2025, the Panel issued its last ruling on the admission of evidence related to the SPO's case, and ordered: (i) the Defence to file its Rule 130 Motion no later than Thursday, 12 June 2025; and (ii) the SPO to file its consolidated response thereto ("Rule 130 Response") no later than Monday, 14 July 2025.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> F03121, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Notice Pursuant to Rule 129*, 15 April 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Transcript of Hearing, 23 April 2025, p. 26176, lines 8-13.

<sup>3</sup> F03205, Victims' Counsel, *Victims' Counsel's Submissions on the Presentation of the Victims' Case*, 28 May 2025.

<sup>4</sup> F03209, Victims' Counsel, *Victims' Counsel's Submission of Witness and Exhibit Lists and Related Requests*, 28 May 2025, with Annexes 1 and 2, confidential.

<sup>5</sup> F03216, Panel, *Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Obstruction Related Materials*, 29 May 2025, confidential, paras 70, 72(j).

5. On 5 June 2025, the Panel, *inter alia*: (i) reduced, *proprio motu*, the time limit previously set for the SPO to file the Rule 130 Response to Monday, 7 July 2025; (ii) indicated to the Parties and participants that the Panel's ruling on the Rule 130 Motion will be rendered on the week commencing Monday, 14 July 2025; and (iii) ordered Victims' Counsel to be prepared to start calling witnesses on behalf of participating victims on Wednesday, 16 July 2025 ("Scheduling Order F03232").<sup>6</sup>

6. On 12 June 2025, the Defence jointly filed the Rule 130 Motion.<sup>7</sup>

7. On 3 July 2025, the Panel ordered Victims' Counsel to make necessary arrangements for his expert witnesses to testify jointly on Wednesday, 16 July 2025 ("Decision on Victims' Counsel's Submissions").<sup>8</sup>

8. On 7 July 2025, the SPO filed the Rule 130 Response.<sup>9</sup>

## II. DISCUSSION

9. The Panel notes that, pursuant to Rule 130(3), the Panel may render a decision on a motion pursuant to Rule 130 by oral decision, having heard the Parties and, where applicable, Victims' Counsel.

10. Pursuant to Scheduling Order F03232, and in the interests of facilitating the fair and expeditious conduct of the proceedings, the Panel informs the Parties and participants that it will render a ruling on the Rule 130 Motion orally on **Wednesday, 16 July 2025, at 9:00 hours.**

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<sup>6</sup> F03232, Panel, *Revised Scheduling Order*, 5 June 2025, para. 12(a), (c), (d).

<sup>7</sup> F03256, Specialist Counsel, *Joint Defence Motion Pursuant to Rule 130*, 12 June 2025, confidential, with Annexes 1 and 2, confidential.

<sup>8</sup> F03305, Panel, *Decision on Victims' Counsel's Submission of Expert Reports and Request to Admit Them into Evidence*, 3 July 2025, para. 45(c).

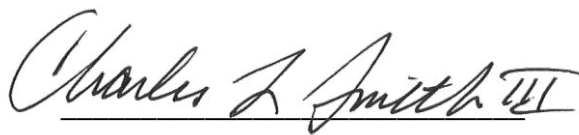
<sup>9</sup> F03314, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Response to Rule 130 Request*, 7 July 2025, confidential, with Annex 1, confidential.

11. While the present order is without prejudice to its decision on the Rule 130 Motion, the Panel considers that, as a result of the limited nature of the Rule 130 Motion, the proceedings will progress to the next stage.<sup>10</sup> With a view to ensuring that no unnecessary delay is caused in the proceedings once the Rule 130 Motion is adjudicated upon, and pursuant to Scheduling Order F03232 and the Decision on Victims' Counsel's Submissions, the Panel further reiterates that Victims' Counsel shall be prepared to start the presentation of his case and to call his expert witnesses on **Wednesday, 16 July 2025**.

### III. DISPOSITION

12. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:

- a) **INFORMS** the Parties and participants that the Panel's ruling on the Rule 130 Motion will be rendered orally on **Wednesday, 16 July 2025, at 9:00 hours**; and
- b) **REITERATES** that Victims' Counsel shall be prepared to start the presentation of his case and to call his expert witnesses on **Wednesday, 16 July 2025**.



**Judge Charles L. Smith, III**

**Presiding Judge**

Dated this Friday, 11 July 2025

At The Hague, the Netherlands.

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<sup>10</sup> See F03322, Panel, *Decision on Victims' Counsel's Request for Admission of Evidence pursuant to Rule 153*, 9 July 2025, confidential, paras 12-13 (a public redacted version was filed on the same day, F03322/RED).