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The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj,

Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi

Before: Pre-Trial Judge

Judge Marjorie Masselot

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# Fourth Decision on Review of Detention of Hashim Thaçi

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THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE,<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Article 41(6), (10) and (12) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law") and Rules 56(2) and 57(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby issues the following decision.

#### I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On 5 December 2024, Hashim Thaçi ("Mr Thaçi" or "Accused"), already detained at the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers ("SC") in the context of the proceedings of *The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi et al.* ("Case 06" or "*Thaçi et al.* trial"), was served with an arrest warrant, issued by the Pre-Trial Judge in the present proceedings,<sup>2</sup> *proprio motu* and further to the confirmation of an indictment against him, Bashkim Smakaj, Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi ("Confirmation Decision).<sup>3</sup>
- 2. On 8 December 2024<sup>4</sup>, 7 February 2025<sup>5</sup> and 7 April 2025,<sup>6</sup> the Pre-Trial Judge ordered Mr Thaçi's continued detention.
- 3. On 14 April 2025, following a decision of the Court of Appeals Panel,<sup>7</sup> the Pre-Trial Judge further confirmed *vis-à-vis* Mr Thaçi the mode of liability under

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00015, President, <u>Decision Assigning a Pre-Trial Judge</u>, 6 June 2024, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00037, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on Request for Arrest Warrants and Related Matters* ("Decision on Arrest"), 29 November 2024, confidential, with Annexes 1-8, strictly confidential and *ex parte*; *see* Annex 4, containing the arrest warrant against Mr Thaçi. A public redacted version of the main filing was issued on 19 December 2024, <u>F00037/RED</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00036, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment*, 29 November 2024, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on 12 February 2025, F00036/RED.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, Transcript of Hearing, *Initial Appearance of Hashim Thaçi* ("Decision on Detention"), 8 December 2024, public, p. 18, lines 10-20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00165, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Decision on Review of Detention of Hashim Thaçi</u> ("First Review Decision"), 7 February 2025, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00250, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Second Decision on Review of Detention of Hashim Thaçi</u> ("Second Review Decision"), 7 April 2025, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See KSC-BC-2023-12, IA002/F00012, Court of Appeals Panel, Decision on the Specialist Prosecutor's Office's Appeal Against the Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment, 3 April 2025, confidential. A public redacted version was filed on the same day, <u>IA002/F00012/RED</u>.

Article 32(3) of the 2019 Kosovo Criminal Code, Law No. 06/L-074, with respect to the offence of obstructing official persons, under Counts 1, 2 and 3 of the indictment as confirmed on 5 December 2024 ("Amendment Decision").8 On 16 April 2025, the SPO filed the amended confirmed indictment ("Amended Confirmed Indictment").9

- 4. On 5 June 2025, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered Mr Thaçi's continued detention ("Third Review Decision").<sup>10</sup>
- 5. On 7 July 2025, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") made submissions on the periodic review of Mr Thaçi's detention ("SPO Submissions").<sup>11</sup>
- 6. The Defence for Mr Thaçi ("Thaçi Defence") did not respond to the SPO Submissions.

#### II. SUBMISSIONS

- 7. The SPO requests the Pre-Trial Judge to order Mr Thaçi's continued detention, since there have been no (consequential) changes capable of disturbing the findings of the Pre-Trial Judge in the Third Review Decision.<sup>12</sup>
- 8. More specifically, the SPO avers that Mr Thaçi's continued detention remains necessary since all three risks under Article 41(6)(b) of the Law remain evident and no conditions of release or assurance(s) provided by Mr Thaçi can adequately

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00260, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Decision Amending the "Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment" and Setting a Date for the Submission of Preliminary Motions</u>, 14 April 2025, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00264, Specialist Prosecutor, <u>Submission of Amended Confirmed Indictment</u>, 16 April 2025, public, with Annex 1, confidential (containing the confidential version of the Amended Confirmed Indictment), and <u>Annex 2</u>, public (containing the public redacted version of the Amended Confirmed Indictment).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00325, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Third Decision on Review of Detention of Hashim Thaçi,</u> 5 June 2025, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00363, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Submissions on Review of Detention of Hashim Thaçi*, 7 July 2025, confidential. A public redacted version was filed on 10 July 2025, F00363/RED.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> SPO Submissions, paras 3, 4, 7, 9.

mitigate those risks.<sup>13</sup> According to the SPO, said risks can only be effectively managed in the SC Detention Facilities.<sup>14</sup>

9. Lastly, the SPO submits that the limited further passage of time does not alter the Pre-Trial Judge's assessment in the Third Review Decision that Mr Thaçi's continued detention remains reasonable and proportionate as: (i) Mr Thaçi is charged with eleven (11) counts of Article 15(2) offences and, if convicted, faces a potentially lengthy sentence; and (ii) the proceedings continue to move forward expeditiously. In this regard, the SPO notes that, since the Third Review Decision: (i) all preliminary motions have been decided by the Pre-Trial Judge; (ii) important investigative efforts continue to be initiated and completed; (iii) search results from the seized phones have been and continue to be provided to the Accused on a rolling basis; (iv) the SPO has filed its third notice pursuant to Rule 102(3) of the Rules, and has continued to disclose the requested material to the Defence teams of all Accused; and (v) the disclosure of other material required by the Rules continues. The SPO also adds that, through the ongoing disclosure process, Mr Thaçi continues to gain increased insight into the evidence against him. In the continues of the continues to gain increased insight into the evidence against him. In the continues to gain increased insight into the evidence against him. In the continues to gain increased insight into the evidence against him. In the continues to gain increased insight into the evidence against him.

### III. APPLICABLE LAW

10. Pursuant to Article 41(6) of the Law, the SC shall only order the arrest and detention of a person when (a) there is a grounded suspicion that he or she has committed a crime within the jurisdiction of the SC; and (b) there are articulable grounds to believe that the person: (i) is a risk of flight; (ii) will destroy, hide, change or forge evidence of a crime, or will obstruct the progress of the criminal proceedings by influencing witnesses, victims or accomplices; or (iii) will repeat the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> SPO Response, para. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> SPO Response, para. 6.

criminal offence, complete an attempted crime, or commit a crime that the person has threatened to commit.

- 11. Pursuant to Article 41(10) of the Law and Rule 57(2) of the Rules, until a judgment is final or until release, upon expiry of two (2) months from the last ruling on detention on remand, the Panel seized with the case shall examine whether reasons for detention on remand still exist, and render a ruling by which detention on remand is extended or terminated.
- 12. Pursuant to Article 41(12) of the Law, in addition to detention on remand, the following measures may be ordered by the SC to ensure the presence of the accused, including by video-teleconference, to prevent reoffending or to ensure successful conduct of criminal proceedings: summons, arrest, bail, house detention, promise not to leave residence, prohibition on approaching specific places or persons, attendance at police station or other venue, and diversion.
- 13. Pursuant to Rule 56(2) of the Rules, the Pre-Trial Judge shall ensure that a person is not detained for an unreasonable period prior to the opening of the case, and, in case of an undue delay caused by the Specialist Prosecutor, the Panel, having heard the Parties, may release the person under conditions as deemed appropriate.

### IV. DISCUSSION

#### A. APPLICABLE STANDARD

14. The standard governing detention on remand has been laid out extensively in earlier decisions and is hereby incorporated by reference.<sup>18</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge will apply this standard to the present decision.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Second Review Decision, paras 14-15 (general requirements), 16 (grounded suspicion), 19-22 (necessity of detention), 36 (conditional release), 40 (proportionality), and references cited therein; First Review Decision, paras 12-13 (general requirements), para. 14 (grounded suspicion), 17-20 (necessity of detention), 37 (conditional release), 41 (proportionality), and references cited therein.

## B. GROUNDED SUSPICION

15. The Pre-Trial Judge recalls that, in the Confirmation Decision, it was determined that, pursuant to Article 39(2) of the Law, there is a well-grounded suspicion that Mr Thaçi is criminally responsible for offences within the jurisdiction of the SC, namely violating the secrecy of proceedings, contempt of court and obstructing official persons in performing official duties within the meaning of Articles 392, 393, and 401 of the 2019 Kosovo Criminal Code, Code No. 06/L-074, in violation of Article 15(2) of the Law.<sup>19</sup> These findings were made on the basis of a standard exceeding the grounded suspicion threshold required for the purposes of Article 41(6)(a) of the Law.<sup>20</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge notes that have been no developments in the case negating these findings.

16. Therefore, in the absence of any contrary intervening information or developments, the Pre-Trial Judge finds that there continues to exist a grounded suspicion that Mr Thaçi has committed offences within the jurisdiction of the SC for the purposes of Article 41(6)(a) of the Law.<sup>21</sup>

### C. NECESSITY OF DETENTION

# 1. Risk of Flight

17. As regards the risk of flight under Article 41(6)(b)(i) of the Law, the Pre-Trial Judge finds that all the considerations set out in the Third Review Decision are still relevant, namely: (i) the gravity of the offences with which Mr Thaçi is charged in the present proceedings and the potential sentence in the event of conviction; (ii) Mr Thaçi's *mala fide* intentions towards the laws and rules of the SC; and (iii) his means and opportunity to flee, despite his ongoing detention in the Case 06

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Confirmation Decision, para. 313(a). See also supra para. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See <u>Confirmation Decision</u>, paras 42-43; <u>Decision on Arrest</u>, para. 43. See similarly, KSC-BC-2020-04, F00075/RED, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Public Redacted Version of Decision on Review of Detention of Pjetër Shala</u>, 10 September 2021, public, para. 22; and F00224/RED, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Public Redacted Version of Decision on Review of Detention of Pjetër Shala</u>, 22 June 2022, public, para. 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See <u>Third Review Decision</u>, para. 18; <u>Second Review Decision</u>, paras 17-18. See also <u>First Review Decision</u>, para. 7; Decision on Detention, p. 15, lines 1-7.

proceedings.<sup>22</sup> In addition, the Pre-Trial Judge attaches weight to the fact that Mr Thaçi continues to gain increased insight into the evidence underpinning the charges against him through the ongoing disclosure process.<sup>23</sup>

18. Therefore, in light of the above, and in the absence of any contrary intervening information, the Pre-Trial Judge concludes that, to date, the risk of flight in relation to Mr Thaçi continues to exist.

## 2. Risk of Obstructing the Progress of SC Proceedings

As regards the risk of obstruction of the progress of proceedings under Article 41(6)(b)(ii) of the Law, the Pre-Trial Judge find that all the considerations set out in the Third Review Decision continue to apply, namely that: (i) Mr Thaçi coordinated with three distinct groups, of which he was the leader, to interfere with the testimony of SPO witnesses in the ongoing Case 06 trial, including by deliberately revealing and providing confidential information related to witnesses, and instructing others to, and how to, unlawfully influence the witnesses' testimonies; (ii) Mr Thaçi's actions and conduct are part of a broader pattern of efforts to interfere with the testimony of SPO witnesses in Case 06; (iii) Mr Thaçi's actions show persistence in furthering obstruction efforts in SC proceedings from within the SC Detention Facilities, including by leveraging his influence over former KLA affiliates loyal to him, and persons from his political circles, such as his co-Accused in the present proceedings; (iv) previous findings suggest that, in the past, Mr Thaçi attempted to undermine the SC, and, through his circles, offered benefits to persons who were summoned by the SPO to provide information to the SPO/SC; (v) Mr Thaçi is aware of the charges and evidence against him; and (vi) his increased awareness of the incriminating evidence against him provides him with

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> <u>Third Review Decision</u>, para. 19; <u>Second Review Decision</u>, para. 23. *See also* Decision on Detention, p. 18, lines 16-24; <u>Decision on Arrest</u>, paras 47-48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge notes that, since the Third Review Decision, the SPO has made additional disclosures pursuant to Rule 102(1)(b) of the Rules. *See, for example,* Disclosure Package Nos 50, 54 and 55.

an incentive to interfere with witnesses or obstruct the progress of the present proceedings. <sup>24</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge also recalls that: (i) the risk of obstruction has not ceased to exist with the closure of the SPO's case in Case 06, as the proceedings remain ongoing<sup>25</sup> and witnesses who have already testified may be retaliated against or incentivised to recant; (ii) the risk of obstruction is assessed not only in relation to the proceedings in Case 06, but also in relation to the present case;<sup>26</sup> and (iii) the ongoing disclosure process further elevates this risk, as it provides Mr Thaçi with access to sensitive witness-related information.<sup>27</sup>

- 20. Lastly, the Pre-Trial Judge assesses the above considerations and factors taken together, bearing in mind the pervasive climate of fear and intimidation in Kosovo against witnesses and potential witnesses of the SC.<sup>28</sup> In this context, the Pre-Trial Judge considers that the risk of Mr Thaçi exerting pressure on witnesses remains particularly high,<sup>29</sup> especially in light of his ties, as referenced above.<sup>30</sup>
- 21. Therefore, in light of the above, and in the absence of any contrary intervening information, the Pre-Trial Judge concludes that, to date, there continues to exist a risk that Mr Thaçi will obstruct the progress of SC proceedings.

# 3. Risk of Committing Further Offences

22. As regards the risk of committing further offences under Article 41(6)(b)(iii) of the Law, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls that, even though the existence of a risk of obstruction does not automatically translate into a risk of committing further

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> <u>Third Review Decision</u>, paras 21-22; <u>Second Review Decision</u>, para. 28; <u>First Review Decision</u>, paras 29-30; Decision on Detention, p. 12, line 15; <u>Decision on Arrest</u>, para. 50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Third Review Decision, para. 22, with references cited therein. *See also* KSC-2020-06, F03371, Trial Panel II, *Further Order on the Scheduling of the Defence Case and Related Matters*, 25 July 2025, public, para.42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Third Review Decision, para. 22;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Third Review Decision, para. 22; Second Review Decision, para. 29 and references cited therein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> <u>Third Review Decision</u>, para. 23; <u>Second Review Decision</u>, para. 30; <u>First Review Decision</u>, para. 31; Decision on Detention, p. 18, lines 16-20; <u>Decision on Arrest</u>, para. 51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See <u>Third Review Decision</u>, para. 23; <u>Second Review Decision</u>, para. 30 and references cited therein; <u>First Review Decision</u>, para. 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> See supra para. 19.

offences, the factors underpinning the former are of relevance to the assessment of the latter in the present circumstances.<sup>31</sup> In this regard, the Pre-Trial Judge notes that the relevant factors to be considered are the same as those outlined in paragraphs 19-20 above with respect to obstruction of proceedings. Upon a fresh examination of these factors, the Pre-Trial Judge remains persuaded that there still exists a risk that Mr Thaçi will repeat the offences he is alleged to have committed, including in relation to witnesses who have provided or may provide evidence in Case 06 and/or the present case.<sup>32</sup>

23. Therefore, in light of the above, and in the absence of any contrary intervening information, the Pre-Trial Judge concludes that, to date, the risk that Mr Thaçi will commit further offences continues to exist.

#### 4. Conclusion

24. In view of the foregoing, the Pre-Trial Judge finds that, to date, there are articulable grounds to believe that Mr Thaçi may flee, obstruct the progress of the SC proceedings, and commit further offences, thus necessitating Mr Thaçi's continued detention, in accordance with Article 41(6)(b) of the Law. The Pre-Trial Judge will assess below whether these risks can be adequately mitigated by any conditions for Mr Thaçi's release.

## D. CONDITIONAL RELEASE

25. The Pre-Trial Judge remains of the view that no conditions could diminish, at this stage, the existing risks, in particular the risk that the Accused will obstruct the progress of SC proceedings or commit further offences.<sup>33</sup> Notably, the Pre-Trial

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Third Review Decision, para. 25; Second Review Decision, para. 33; First Review Decision, para. 33; Decision on Detention, p. 15, lines 3-7; Decision on Arrest, para. 53.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> See also <u>Third Review Decision</u>, para. 25; <u>Second Review Decision</u>, para. 33; <u>First Review Decision</u>, para. 34; Decision on Detention, p. 18, lines 16-20; <u>Decision on Arrest</u>, para. 54.

Third Review Decision, para. 28; Second Review Decision, para. 37; First Review Decision, para. 38; see KSC-BC-2020-06, IA017/F00011/RED, Court of Appeals Panel, Public Redacted Version of Decision on Hashim Thaçi's Appeal Against Decision on Review of Detention, 5 April 2022, public, para. 51.

Judge is of the view that any possible condition to be imposed: (i) does not address, for example, the possibility of Mr Thaçi using other persons, or employing communication devices belonging to other persons, or requesting other persons to use their devices for the purpose of unlawfully interfering with witnesses; and (ii) cannot ensure the effective monitoring of Mr Thaçi's communications. The Pre-Trial Judge is also particularly mindful that, despite any conditions (if released), the Accused would have the ability, motive and opportunity to persist in furthering the obstruction of SC proceedings.<sup>34</sup>

- 26. Furthermore, in the view of the Pre-Trial Judge, while the risk of illicit messages and instructions cannot be entirely eliminated, the measures in place at the SC Detention Facilities, viewed as a whole, provide robust assurances against unmonitored visits and communications with family members and pre-approved visitors with a view to minimising the risks of obstruction and commission of further crimes, as much as possible.<sup>35</sup> In this regard, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls that the Registrar and the Panel, who have unrestricted access to confidential information concerning witnesses and victims, may take action more promptly than other authorities acting under a distinct framework.<sup>36</sup>
- 27. Therefore, in light of the above, the Pre-Trial Judge concludes that any reasonable conditions that may be imposed by the Pre-Trial Judge remain insufficient to adequately mitigate the risks under Article 41(6)(b)(i)-(iii) of the Law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> <u>Third Review Decision</u>, para. 28; <u>Second Review Decision</u>, para. 37; <u>First Review Decision</u>, para. 38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Third Review Decision, para. 29; Second Review Decision, para. 38; First Review Decision, para. 39. Similarly, KSC-BC-2020-06, IA010/F00008/RED, Court of Appeals Panel, <u>Public Redacted Version of Decision on Hashim Thaci's Appeal Against Decision on Review of Detention</u>, 27 October 2021, public, para. 68.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Third Review Decision, para. 29; Second Review Decision, para. 38; First Review Decision, para. 39. See similarly KSC-BC-2023-10, F00165, Pre-Trial Judge, Public Redacted Version of Decision on Review of Detention of Haxhi Shala, 9 February 2024, public, para. 54.

## E. PROPORTIONALITY OF DETENTION

28. The Pre-Trial Judge recalls that: (i) Mr Thaçi has been detained since 5 December 2024 in the context of these proceedings;<sup>37</sup> (ii) he is charged with three (3) counts of attempting to obstruct official persons in performing official duties, four (4) counts of violating the secrecy of proceedings and four (4) counts of contempt of court, which carry a possible sentence of up to five (5) years, three (3) years and six (6) months, respectively;<sup>38</sup> and (iii) the risks under Article 41(6)(b) of the Law (in particular, the risk of obstruction and commission of further offences) cannot be mitigated by any proposed or additional conditions for release.<sup>39</sup>

29. The Pre-Trial Judge also takes into consideration that, since the Third Review Decision: (i) the SPO has (largely) completed the disclosure of evidence in its possession pursuant to Rule 102(1)(b) of the Rules<sup>40</sup> and made further disclosures pursuant to Rule 103 of the Rules;<sup>41</sup> (ii) the SPO has filed its third notice pursuant to Rule 102(3) of the Rules<sup>42</sup> and disclosed a number of items, as requested by the Defence;<sup>43</sup> (iii) remaining investigative steps are progressing steadily<sup>44</sup> and further

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See supra para. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00264/A02, Specialist Prosecutor, <u>Public Redacted Amended Confirmed Indictment</u> ("Amended Confirmed Indictment"), 16 April 2025, public, para. 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> See supra para. 27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> See Disclosure Packages Nos. 50, 54 and 55. See also KSC-BC-2023-12, F00100, Pre-Trial Judge, Framework Decision on Disclosure of Evidence and Related Matters, 20 December 2024, public, paras 45, 104(c), (e) (setting the deadline for the disclosure of such material to 17 March 2025); F00256, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision Authorizing Additional Disclosure under Rule 102(1)(b) of the Rules, 11 April 2025, public. The Pre-Trial Judge further set a related deadline for the disclosure of certain material pursuant to Rule 102(1)(b) of the Rules to two (2) months from the date of transfer of said material to the SPO, which was executed on 17 July 2025 (see KSC-BC-2023-12, F00368, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision on Prosecution Request for Access to Material and Related Matters ("Decision on Access to Material"), 9 July 2025, confidential, paras 53 and 57(i), with Annex 1, confidential; F00377, Registry, Notification of Transfer of Materials Pursuant to F00368 ("Notification of Transfer"), 17 July 2025, confidential).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> See Disclosure Packages Nos 46, 48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> See KSC-BC-2023-12, F00341, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution's Third Rule 102(3) Notice, 17 June 2025, public, with Annex 1, confidential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> See Disclosure Packages Nos 47, 49, 51, 52, 53, 56 and 57.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> See KSC-BC-2023-12, F00342, Registrar, Registry Report Pursuant to Order F00221, 19 June 2025, confidential, with Annexes 1-6, confidential; F00346, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision on the Independent Entity to Review Preserved Material, 24 June 2025, confidential; F00350, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision on

disclosure of material is anticipated following completion of these steps;<sup>45</sup> (iv) all preliminary motions filed by Defence Counsel have been ruled upon and are pending associated appeals,<sup>46</sup> including as a result of granted leaves to appeal through certification by the Pre-Trial Judge;<sup>47</sup> (v) the Pre-Trial Judge has set the deadline for the filing of the SPO Pre-Trial Brief and subsequent steps.<sup>48</sup> Thus, the proceedings continue to move forward expeditiously, bringing the case one step closer to its transmission to the Trial Panel.

- 30. The Pre-Trial Judge has duly considered the additional time Mr Thaçi has spent in detention since the Third Review Decision, but finds that when weighed against the remaining factors set out in paragraphs 28-29 above his detention remains proportionate.
- 31. Moreover, pursuant to Article 41(10) of the Law and Rule 57(2) of the Rules, Mr Thaçi's detention will be regularly reviewed upon the expiry of two (2) months

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Outstanding Kuçi Electronic Devices and Related Request for Assistance, 26 June 2025, confidential; F00357, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision Appointing Independent Counsel and Initiating Stage 2 of the Mechanism to Review Preserved Material, 1 July 2025, confidential; F00360, Registrar, Notification of Assignment of Independent Counsel, 2 July 2025, confidential, with Annex 1, confidential; Decision on Access to Material; Notification of Transfer; F00386, Registrar, Registrar's Report on the Execution of Independent Counsel's Review Related to Stage 2, 21 July 2025, strictly confidential and ex parte; F00399, Registrar, Registrar's Report on Transfer of Materials Pursuant to F00368, 30 July 2025, confidential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> See Decision on Access to Material, paras 53, 57(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00343, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Decision on the Thaci Defence Preliminary Motion on Jurisdiction</u>, 19 June 2025, public; F00347, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Decision on Preliminary Motions Alleging Defects in the Indictment</u>, 24 June 2025, public; F00354, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Decision on Preliminary Motions for Adjournment and Severance of the Proceedings</u>, 30 June 2025, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on 1 July 2025, <u>F00354/RED</u>. See also, IA005/F00001, Thaci Defence, *Appeal against Decision on the Thaci Defence Preliminary Motion on Jurisdiction*, 2 July 2025, confidential and *ex parte*, with Annexes 1-3, public. A public redacted version of the main filing and a corrected version thereof were issued on 4 July 2025 and 7 July 2025, IA005/F00001/RED and IA005/F00001/RED/COR, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00390, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on the Thaçi Defence Request for Leave to Appeal the "Decision on Preliminary Motions for Adjournment and Severance of the Proceedings"*, 23 July 2025, confidential; a public redacted version was issued on the same day, F00390/RED; F00391, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on the Thaçi Defence Request for Certification to Appeal the "Decision on the Thaçi Defence Preliminary Motion on Jurisdiction"*, 23 July 2025, public; F00392, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on the Thaçi and Fazliu Requests for Certification to Appeal the "Decision on Preliminary Motions Alleging Defects in the Indictment"*, 24 July 2025, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00395, Pre-Trial Judge, *Order Relating to the Calendar for the Remaining Pre-Trial Proceedings*, 25 July 2025, public.

from the last ruling on detention or at any time upon request, or *propriu motu*, where a change in circumstance since the last review has occurred.

32. In view of the foregoing, the Pre-Trial Judge finds that the time Mr Thaçi has spent in pre-trial detention is not unreasonable within the meaning of Rule 56(2) of the Rules.

### V. DISPOSITION

- 33. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Pre-Trial Judge hereby:
  - a. **ORDERS** Mr Thaçi's continued detention;
  - b. **ORDERS** Mr Thaçi, if he so wishes, to file submissions on the next review of detention by **Friday**, **29 August 2025**, with response and reply following the timeline set out in Rule 76 of the Rules; and
  - c. **ORDERS** the SPO, should Mr Thaçi decide not to file any submissions by the aforementioned time limit, to file submissions on the next review of Mr Thaçi's detention by **Monday**, **8 September 2025 at 16h00**, and Mr Thaçi, if he so wishes, to file his response by **Monday**, **15 September 2025**, **at 16h00**.

Judge Marjorie Masselot Pre-Trial Judge

Dated this Tuesday, 5 August 2025 At The Hague, the Netherlands.

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