



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

File number: KSC-SC-2025-06

Before: A Panel of the Supreme Court Chamber
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Presiding
Judge Christine van den Wyngaert
Judge Daniel Fransen

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

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Order on the Time-Limits for Submissions

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THE PANEL OF THE SUPREME COURT CHAMBER of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Supreme Court Panel” or “Panel”), noting Article 48(6) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”), Rules 9(5)(a) and 76 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), hereby renders this order setting time-limits for submissions.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 16 July 2024, Trial Panel I rendered the “Trial Judgment”, wherein it, *inter alia*, convicted Pjetër Shala (“Mr Shala”) of the war crimes of arbitrary detention, torture and murder, and sentenced him to a single sentence of 18 years of imprisonment, with credit for time served.¹

2. On 14 July 2025, the Court of Appeals Panel issued the “Appeal Judgment” wherein it, *inter alia*, affirmed Mr Shala’s conviction, in part, for the war crimes of arbitrary detention, torture, and murder, and set aside Mr Shala’s single sentence of 18 years imprisonment imposed by the Trial Panel and reduced it to a single sentence of 13 years, with credit for time served.²

3. On 25 July 2025, the President assigned the Supreme Court Panel to adjudicate, *inter alia*, any request for protection of legality to be filed by Mr Shala as well as any related matter.³

4. On 14 October 2025, Mr Shala filed the “Defence Request for Protection of Legality with confidential Annex 1” (“Request”).⁴

II. DISCUSSION

¹ KSC-BC-2020-04/F00847, Trial Judgment and Sentence with one confidential annex, 16 July 2024 (confidential), paras 1037-1039, 1086, 1103-1108, 1121-1122, and 1124.

² KSC-CA-2024-03/F00069, Appeal Judgment, 14 July 2025 (confidential), para. 938. A public redacted version of the Appeal Judgment was issued on the same day (KSC-CA-2024-03/F00069/RED).

³ F00002, Decision Assigning a Supreme Court Panel, 25 July 2025, para. 4.

⁴ PL001/F00001, Defence Request for Protection of Legality with confidential Annex 1, 14 October 2025 (confidential).

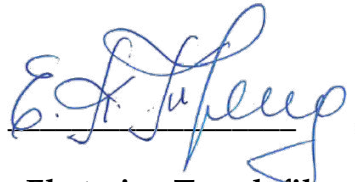
5. As previously noted,⁵ the Rules do not establish specific timelines within which the parties are to file responses and replies to requests for protection of legality in accordance with Article 48(6) of the Law. Bearing in mind the nature and scope of the Request, which encompasses 11 grounds, the Panel considers it in the interest of justice to vary the timelines for the responses and reply to the Request, if any, in this particular case as set out below.

III. DISPOSITION

6. In view of the foregoing, the Panel hereby **ORDERS** that:

a) The Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") and Victims' Counsel shall file their respective responses to the Request, if any, by no later than Wednesday 3 December 2025; and

b) Mr Shala shall file his reply to the SPO's and Victims' Counsel's responses, if any, by no later than Friday 16 January 2026.



Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,
Presiding

Dated this Thursday, 16 October 2025
At The Hague,
The Netherlands

⁵ KSC-SC-2023-01/F00004, Order on Time-Limits for Submissions, 4 May 2023, para. 3; KSC-SC-2024-02, Order on Time-Limits for Submissions, 15 March 2024, para. 6.