



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

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Judge Christopher Gosnell
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Registrar's Submissions for Trial Preparation Conferences

with confidential Annex 1

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1. Pursuant to Article 34(1) and (8) of the Law,¹ Rules 23(2) and 27 of the Rules,² and the Order,³ the Registrar hereby submits the following observations on familiarisation of witnesses prior to testimony.

I. SUBMISSIONS

2. In the Order, the Single Trial Judge requested written submissions from the Registry/Witness Protection and Support Office ('WPSO') on whether it agrees with, or otherwise wishes to make submissions on, the witness familiarisation procedure adopted in the case of *The Specialist Prosecutor v. Sabit Januzi, Ismet Bahtijari and Haxhi Shala* ('Case 10').⁴

3. The Registrar notes the summary submitted in Case 10 of the services provided by the Registry/WPSO to witnesses in relation to the familiarisation process,⁵ which were referenced by Trial Panel I ('the Panel') in its Decision on Witness Familiarisation.⁶ No further submissions are made on the instructions set out by the Panel in Case 10 in this regard.⁷

4. To fully inform the parties to the proceedings, the Registrar hereby files, as an annex to the present submissions, the guidelines and instructions WPSO has developed on the support it provides to witnesses prior to, during, and after their testimony, which incorporate best practices on familiarising witnesses and on other support services.⁸

¹ Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, 3 August 2015 ('Law').

² Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020, ('Rules').

³ KSC-BC-2023-12, F00549, Order Scheduling the Trial Preparation Conference and Requesting Submissions, 17 November 2025, public ('Order').

⁴ Id., paras 12.3(ii) and 16(c).

⁵ KSC-BC-2023-10, F00490, Registry Submissions for Trial Preparation Conferences with confidential Annex 1 and strictly confidential and *ex parte* Annexes 2 to 5, 1 October 2024, public.

⁶ KSC-BC-2023-10, F00595, Decision on witness familiarisation, 13 November 2024, public, paras 2, 11, 23.

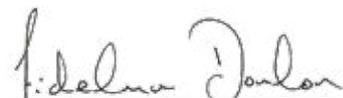
⁷ Id., paras 24-45.

⁸ See Annex 1, confidential.

II. CLASSIFICATION

5. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, Annex 1 is submitted as confidential, as it contains internal regulations concerning operations of the Registry that are not intended for public distribution.

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At The Hague, the Netherlands