

In: KSC-BC-2023-12
Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj, Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi

Before: Single Trial Judge
Judge Christopher Gosnell

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Specialist Counsel for Hashim Thaçi
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Specialist Counsel for Isni Kilaj

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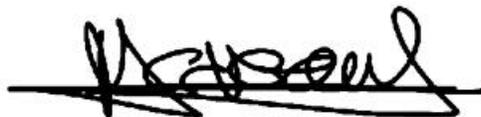
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1. Since the SPO raised the issue related to the application of Rule 149 of the Rules¹ during the Trial Preparation Conference of 28 November 2025,² and for the avoidance of any doubt, the Defence for Mr Hashim Thaçi, the Defence for Mr Bashkim Smakaj and the Defence for Mr Isni Kilaj (the "Defence") hereby provide notice, pursuant to Rule 149(2), that the Defence, at this stage of the proceeding:
 - (a) challenges the qualifications of Witness 8 as an expert and the relevance of his report;
 - (b) does not accept the expert witness report;³ and
 - (c) wishes to cross-examine Witness 8.
2. The Defence reserves its right to reconsider its position upon disclosure of the additional material related to the expert requested by the Defence pursuant to Rule 102(3).

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Respectfully submitted,

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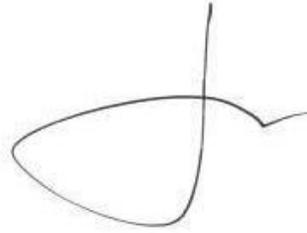
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¹ [KSC-BD-03/Rev2/2020](#), Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chamber, 5 May 2020.

² KSC-BC-2023-12, Transcript of 28 November 2025, Trial Preparation Conference, pp. 215-216.

³ 118299-118304.

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