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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 Prosecutor's Office

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Prosecution request for variation of word limit for reply to F00688

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1. Pursuant to Articles 36(1) and 41 of the Practice Direction,¹ the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') hereby requests a variation of word limit to file its reply to the joint Defence Response.² Specifically, the SPO seeks a variation of the applicable word limit to allow for up to 5,000 words in reply.
2. There is good cause for the SPO's request to vary the applicable word limit, as recognised recently by the Single Trial Judge ('STJ').³ In particular, the SPO Bar Table Motion⁴ and the Defence Response relate to a substantial volume of material central to these proceedings, some of which is technically complex.⁵ For these reasons, the Defence was granted a variation of the normal word limit for a response up to 15,000 words.⁶ The Defence Response is 14,999 words⁷ and contains ten annexes. The requested variation to 5,000 words for the reply is necessary to properly address and meaningfully reply to all issues raised in the Defence Response, and will facilitate the STJ's consideration of those issues.
3. This request is filed sufficiently in advance of the anticipated reply, and as soon as practicable after review of the Defence Response. Finally, the variation sought will cause no prejudice. Indeed, the Defence has already affirmed that it 'would not object to a corresponding and proportionate variation of the word limit for the SPO's reply,'⁸ which the requested variation is.

¹ Registry Practice Direction, Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-15, 17 May 2019 ('Practice Direction').

² Joint Defence Response to SPO motion for admission of material through the bar table, KSC-BC-2023-12/F00688, 23 January 2025, Confidential ('Defence Response').

³ See generally: Decision on "Joint Defence Request for Extensions of Time and Word Limit for Responding to the SPO Bar Table Motion", KSC-BC-2023-12/F00656, 7 January 2026 ('First Decision'); Decision on "Joint Defence Request for Further Extension of Word Limit to Respond to the SPO Bar Table Motion", KSC-BC-2023-12/F00677, 19 January 2026 ('Second Decision').

⁴ Public redacted version of 'Prosecution motion for admission of material through the bar table with confidential Annex 1', KSC-BC-2023-12/F00632/RED, 7 January 2026 (Original filed on 17 December 2025) ('Bar Table Motion').

⁵ See First Decision, KSC-BC-2023-12/F00656, paras 8-9.

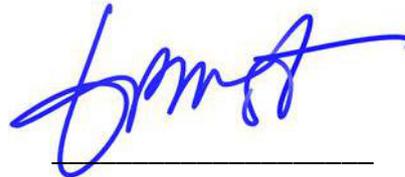
⁶ See Second Decision, KSC-BC-2023-12/F00677, para.6(a).

⁷ See Defence Response, KSC-BC-2023-12/F00688, p.48.

⁸ See Joint Defence Request for Further Extension of Word Limit to Respond to the SPO Bar Table Motion, KSC-BC-2023-12/F00674, 16 January 2026, para.12.

4. This filing is confidential under Rule 82(4). The SPO does not object to its public reclassification.

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