

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 Bashkim Smakaj

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Bashkim Smakaj Defence Notice Pursuant to Rule 119(1)

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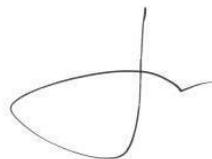
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Rule 119(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, and the scheduling order, dated 13th March 2026, the Defence for Mr Bashkim Smakaj, hereby notifies its intention not to call a defence case. Accordingly, no lists of witnesses or exhibits under Rule 119(2) will be filed and no disclosure under Rule 104(5) will be made.
2. The scheduling order, dated 13th March 2026, requested that any Rule 119 notice be served by 4pm on 27th March 2026, with an extension of time to 30th March 2026, to address any ruling on Witness 8. That ruling has now been received and enables a complete Rule 119 notice to be filed. A request is made that the filing be accepted after the time limit has expired, in accordance with Rule 9(5)(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. It is submitted that in all the circumstances, and regarding the content of the notice, no prejudice is caused to any party.

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