



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA 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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Decision on Request for Extension of Time

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THE PANEL OF THE SUPREME COURT CHAMBER of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“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”), is seised of the “Defence Request for an Extension of Time to File a Reply to Victims’ Counsel’s Response to Defence Request for Protection of Legality” (“Request for Extension of Time”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 29 April 2026, Mr Shala filed the “Defence Request for Protection of Legality against the Decision on Defence Appeal Against the Reparation Order with Public Annex 1”.²
2. On 1 May 2026, the President issued the “Decision Assigning a Supreme Court Panel”.³
3. On 11 May 2026, the Panel issued the “Order on the Time-Limits for Submissions”, wherein, *inter alia*, Mr Shala was ordered to file a reply, if any, to Victims’ Counsel’s response by 5 June 2026.⁴
4. On 26 May 2026, Victims’ Counsel filed the “Victims’ Counsel’s Response to “Defence Request for Protection of Legality against the Decision on Defence Appeal Against the Reparation Order” with Public Annex 1” (“Response”).⁵

¹ PL002/F00006, Defence Request for an Extension of Time to File a Reply to Victims’ Counsel’s Response to Defence Request for Protection of Legality, 26 May 2026 (notified on 28 May 2026).

² PL002/F00001, Defence Request for Protection of Legality against the Decision on Defence Appeal Against the Reparation Order with Public Annex 1, 29 April 2026 (confidential).

³ PL002/F00002, Decision Assigning a Supreme Court Panel, 1 May 2026.

⁴ PL002/F00004, Order on the Time-Limits for Submissions, 11 May 2026.

⁵ PL002/F00005, Victims’ Counsel’s Response to “Defence Request for Protection of Legality against the Decision on Defence Appeal Against the Reparation Order” with Public Annex 1, 26 May 2026.

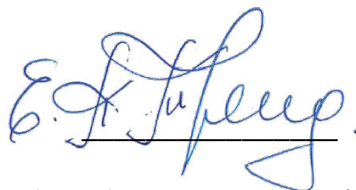
II. DISCUSSION

5. Mr Shala requests that he be granted an extension of time of five days to file his reply to the Response.⁶ Mr Shala submits that there are circumstances justifying the five-day extension, including: (i) the deadline for the filing of another submission before the European Court of Human Rights; (ii) the deadline for the filing of a referral before the Specialist Chambers of the Constitutional Court; and (iii) the holidays observed by the Specialist Chambers and the resulting limited availability of resources and staff during this period.⁷

6. Having considered Mr Shala's arguments, the Panel is of the view that good cause exists that would justify extending the deadline for the filing of Mr Shala's reply by five days in accordance with Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules.

III. DISPOSITION

7. In view of the foregoing, the Panel hereby
- a. **GRANTS** the Request for Extension of Time; and
 - b. **ORDERS** Mr Shala to file a reply to the Response, by no later than Wednesday, 10 June 2026.



Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,
Presiding

Dated this Thursday, 28 May 2026
At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁶ Request for Extension of Time, paras 2, 8.

⁷ Request for Extension of Time, paras 3-6.