KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

File number:	**KSC-CA-2026-04**
Before:	**The President of the Specialist Chambers** Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
Registrar:	Fidelma Donlon
Date:	22 September 2026
Language:	English
Classification:	**Confidential**

Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel

Judges of the Court of Appeals Panel:

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Kai Ambos

Judge Nina Jørgensen

Specialist Prosecutor:

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Victims' Counsel:

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Counsel for Hashim Thaçi:

Luka Mišetić

Counsel for Kadri Veseli:

Rodney Dixon

Counsel for Rexhep Selimi:

Geoffrey Roberts

Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi:

Venkateswari Alagendra

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers ("President"), noting Articles 33(1)(c) and 46 of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, Rules 172 and 173(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules") and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on the Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges ("Rules on Assignment"), herewith assigns a Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the "Joint Defence Request for Extension of Time to File a Notice of Appeal against the Trial Judgment " ("Request").[1]

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 16 September 2026, Trial Panel II rendered the "Trial Judgment", wherein it, *inter alia*, acquitted Mr Hashim Thaçi, Mr Kadri Veseli, Mr Rexhep Selimi and Mr Jakup Krasniqi of six counts of crimes against humanity and found them guilty of four counts of war crimes.[2] The Trial Panel sentenced Mr Thaçi to 25 years of imprisonment, Mr Veseli to 18 years of imprisonment, Mr Selimi to 13 years of imprisonment and Mr Krasniqi to 25 years of imprisonment, all with credit for time served.[3]

2. On 22 September 2026, the Defence for Messrs Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi jointly filed the Request.

II. ASSIGNMENT

3. Having considered the criteria set forth in Rule 4 of the Rules on Assignment, including relevant experience and expertise as well as availability of Judges at this time,

[1] F00001, Joint Defence Request for Extension of Time to File a Notice of Appeal against the Trial Judgment, 22 September 2026 (confidential).
[2] KSC-BC-2020-06/F03782, Trial Judgment, 16 September 2026 (confidential), para. 4763.
[3] Trial Judgment, para. 4763.

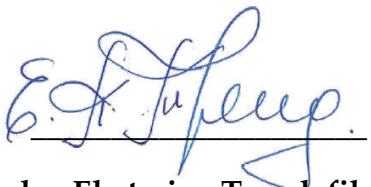
THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:

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to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the Request and all filings from any of the parties related to a notice of appeal concerning the Trial Judgment in this case.



Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,

President of the Specialist Chambers

Dated this Tuesday, 22 September 2026
At The Hague,
The Netherlands