



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
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In: KSC-BC-2020-06

**The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli,
Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi**

Before: Trial Panel II

Judge Charles L. Smith III, Presiding Judge

Judge Christoph Barthe

Judge Guénaél Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

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Public Redacted Version of Decision on Lesser Redacted Transcripts for W04147

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TRIAL PANEL II (“Panel”), pursuant to Articles 21(2), 23 and 40(6)(f) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”) and Rules 80, 84(1) and 116(4)(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”), hereby renders this decision.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 7 November 2023, the Panel issued an oral order on the review of private session portions of hearing transcripts in view of their reclassification, wherein it set out the procedure to be followed by the Parties and participants.¹
2. On 25, 26, 27, 28 March and 3 April 2024, the Specialist Prosecutor’s Office’s (“SPO”) witness W04147 testified (“W04147’s Transcripts”).²
3. On 15 May 2024, the SPO filed submissions (“Submissions”) including an annex (“Annex 1”) which contains proposals of public lesser redacted versions of W04147’s Transcripts.³
4. No responses were filed on the record.

II. SUBMISSIONS

5. The SPO submits that: (i) it sent *inter partes* the proposed lesser redacted transcripts for all private sessions of W04147’s testimony; (ii) Victims’ Counsel and the Witness Protection and Support Office (“WPSO”) agreed to the proposed redactions and respectively proposed additional redactions; (iii) the Defence

¹ Transcript of Hearing, 7 November 2023, p. 9444, line 14 to p. 9446, line 21.

² Transcripts of Hearing, 25-28 March and 3 April 2024, pp. 13519-14287.

³ F02311, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Submission of Proposed Lesser Redacted Transcripts (W04147)*, 15 May 2024, with Annex 1, confidential.

teams proposed to lift certain redactions; and (iv) the SPO consolidated all proposed redactions and related justifications in Annex 1.⁴

III. DISCUSSION

6. The Panel observes that the proposed redactions are applied to: (i) protect the confidential classification of certain documents; (ii) give effect to protective measures granted to a protected witness; and (iii) protect the identity of a participating victim.⁵

7. Further to an integral review of W04147's Transcripts, the Panel is of the view that it is unnecessary to redact the following portions as they do not contain any identifying information: [REDACTED].

8. Save for the exceptions specified above, the Panel considers that the redactions proposed in Annex 1 remain necessary and proportionate and consistent with the effective protection of the rights of the Accused.

9. With the exception of these necessary and proportionate redactions, the Panel orders that the remainder of W04147's Transcripts be reclassified as public, in the interest of guaranteeing to the greatest possible extent the publicity of the proceedings.

⁴ Submissions, paras 1-2; Annex to Submissions, pp. 3-4.

⁵ Annex to Submissions, p. 3.

IV. DISPOSITION

10. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:

- a) **FINDS** that the portions of W04147's Transcripts identified in Annex 1 as suitable for reclassification can be reclassified as public;
- b) **APPROVES** the proposed redactions as set out in Annex 1, subject to the changes specified in paragraph 7 above;
- c) **FINDS** that the lines specified in paragraph 7 can be reclassified as public;
- d) **DIRECTS** the SPO to communicate to the Registry a public lesser redacted version of W04147's Transcripts in accordance with the redactions approved in the present decision; and
- e) **DIRECTS** the Registry to ensure, upon receipt of the public lesser redacted version of the transcripts mentioned in sub-paragraph (c) above, that the same redactions are implemented in the Albanian and Serbian versions of these transcripts as well as the respective audio-video records, to the extent technically feasible.



Judge Charles L. Smith, III

Presiding Judge

Dated this Tuesday, 13 October 2026

At The Hague, the Netherlands.