



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

**In:** No. KSC-CC-PR-2020-09

**Before:** **The President of the Specialist Chambers**  
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 11 May 2020

**File name:** Invocation of Change in Venue to the Host State for the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court

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**Decision on the Invocation of Change of Venue for the Proceedings  
Before the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court  
for Referrals Pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law**

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**Invoking authority:**

The Presiding Judge of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court

**THE PRESIDENT** of the Specialist Chambers (the “President”), being seized with an invocation of a change of venue to the Host State by the Presiding Judge of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court (the “SCCC”), herewith and in accordance with Article 3(8)(d) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (the “Law”) decides on the location of the proceedings before the SCCC for amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the “Rules”) pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law.

1. On 29 and 30 April 2020, amendments to 30 Rules were adopted by the Specialist Chambers Judges sitting in Plenary (the “Plenary”), except for the Judges of the SCCC.
2. On 1 May 2020, the President, pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law, referred the adopted amendments to 30 Rules to the SCCC.<sup>1</sup>
3. On the same day, pursuant to Article 33(3) of the Law, the President assigned the Constitutional Court Panel to review the 30 amended Rules in order to ensure their compliance with Chapter II of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo.<sup>2</sup>
4. On 7 May 2020, pursuant to Article 3(8)(c) of the Law, the Presiding Judge of the SCCC invoked a change in venue to the Host State.<sup>3</sup>
5. The applicable law regarding this invocation is as previously set out.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> KSC-CC-PR-2020-09, F00001, Referral of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, public with confidential annex, President, 1 May 2020.

<sup>2</sup> KSC-CC-PR-2020-09/F00002, Decision Assigning a Constitutional Court Panel of the Specialist Chambers, President, 1 May 2020.

<sup>3</sup> KSC-CC-PR-2020-09/F00003, Invocation of Change in Venue for the Referral of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, SCCC, 7 May 2020.

<sup>4</sup> cp. KSC-CC-PR-2017-02, Decision on the Location of Proceedings Before the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court for the Review of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law, President, 12 April 2017, paras 6-9; KSC-CC-2019-05/KSC-CC-2019-06, Decision on the Location of Proceedings Before the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, President, 22 January 2019, paras 6-9.

6. The President recalls that the previous invocation of the change of venue for all future proceedings before the SCCC according to the 'Decision on the Location of Proceedings Before the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court' only applies to all future proceedings arising from referrals made pursuant to Article 49 of Law and not pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law.<sup>5</sup>

**FOR THESE REASONS, AND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3(8)(d) OF THE LAW,  
THE PRESIDENT HEREBY**

**sets the venue** for the proceedings before the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court for the current review of the amendments to the 30 Rules and all future referrals pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law to the Host State so that the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court sits, deliberates, receives and issues filings and submissions at the seat of the Specialist Chambers in the Host State; and

**requests** the Registrar to take any necessary steps to give effect to the present decision.



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Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,  
President

Dated this Monday, 11 May 2020

At The Hague, The Netherlands

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<sup>5</sup> KSC-CC-2019-05/KSC-CC-2019-06, Decision on the Location of Proceedings Before the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, President, 22 January 2019, para. 10.