

KSC-BC-2020-06/1

**In:** KSC-BC-2020-06  
**The Prosecutor v Hashim Thaci, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi**

**Before:** Judge Nicolas Guillou

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

**Filing Participant:** Specialist Defence Counsel for Kadri Veseli

**Date:** 9 November, 2020

**Language:** English

**File name:** Public

**Classification:** Pre-Trial Judge

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**Urgent Request for an Order Allowing Specialist Defence Counsel to Attend the Initial Appearance Remotely via Videolink**

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**Specialist Prosecutor's Office**  
Jack Smith

**Specialist Counsel for the accused, Kadri Veseli**  
Ben Emmerson CBE QC

## I. URGENT REQUEST FOR AN ORDER ALLOWING SPECIALIST DEFENCE COUNSEL TO ATTEND THE INITIAL APPEARANCE REMOTELY

1. On 5 November 2020, Kadri Veseli surrendered to officials of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, by prior arrangement between his defence counsel and staff of the Specialist Prosecutor's Office.
2. On 6 November 2020, Ben Emmerson CBE QC was appointed Specialist Counsel for Kadri Veseli. With effect from 9 November 2020, Mr. Emmerson appointed Andrew Cayley CMG QC as co-counsel for Mr. Veseli.
3. On 6 November 2020, the Pre-Trial Judge decided to convene a hearing for Mr. Veseli's initial appearance for Tuesday 10 November at 15:00 hours.
4. The Applicant requests permission for Mr. Emmerson to attend the hearing remotely from the United Kingdom in order to assist Mr. Veseli and to make any necessary oral submissions. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Cayley to be physically present in court for the hearing.
5. The reason for this request is that Mr. Emmerson is currently subject to a prohibition on international travel due to the operative Covid-19 restrictions in place in the United Kingdom. This restriction arises from a specific threat to his health posed by Covid-19, as a result of a pre-existing medical condition.
6. In the circumstances, it is respectfully submitted that it would be appropriate for the Pre-Trial Judge to authorise the necessary arrangements to guarantee Mr. Veseli's representation at the initial appearance by his appointed counsel, Mr. Emmerson, assisted in court by co-counsel, Mr. Cayley.

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**Ben Emmerson CBE QC**

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Monday, 9 November, 2020

At The Hague, the Netherlands

