

In: KSC-BC-2020-06

The Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi

and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Pre-Trial Judge

Judge Nicolas Guillou

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

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## Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Hashim Thaçi

## with one confidential Annex

Specialist Prosecutor's Office Counsel for Hashim Thaçi

Jack Smith David Hooper

- 1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules,<sup>1</sup> the Registrar hereby informs the Pre-Trial Judge of the approval of additional Co-Counsel for Mr Hashim Thaçi ('Mr Thaçi').
- 2. On 5 November 2020, the Registrar appointed Mr David Hooper QC as Counsel for Mr Thaçi in accordance with Sections 12 and 13 of the Directive on Counsel.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. On 9 November 2020, the Registrar informed the Pre-Trial Judge of the Registrar's approval of Mr Dastid Pallaska as Co-Counsel for Mr Thaçi, pending a final decision on his admission to the List of Counsel.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. On 16 November 2020, the Registrar informed the Pre-Trial Judge of the Registrar's approval of Mr Samuel Blom-Cooper as Co-Counsel for Mr Thaçi.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. On 17 November 2020, Counsel informed the Head of the Defence Office that he would like to be assisted by Mr Pierre-Richard Prosper as additional Co-Counsel and provided relevant documentation pursuant to Section 18 of the Directive on Counsel.
- 6. On 17 November 2020, the Head of the Defence Office, after having consulted with the Registrar, conditionally admitted Mr Prosper to the List of Counsel pursuant to Section 7(2) of the Directive on Counsel.
- 7. On 17 November 2020, the Registrar approved Mr Prosper as Co-Counsel for Mr Thaçi in accordance with Section 18 of the Directive on Counsel, pending a final decision on the admission of Mr Prosper to the List of Counsel.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules'); *see also* Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, 3 August 2015, arts 21(4), 21(5), 34(7) and 41(4)(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04, 6 November 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Hashim Thaçi, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00066, 9 November 2020, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Hashim Thaçi, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00080, 16 November 2020, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Annex 1, Letter of Approval, Selection of Co-Counsel, KSC/REG/IOR/3384, 17 November 2020.

8. This submission is filed as public, whereas Annex 1 is filed confidentially pursuant to Rule 82(1)(b) and (3) of the Rules, as it contains personal information concerning Counsel and Co-Counsel.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Tuesday, 17 November 2020 At The Hague, the Netherlands