

In: KSC-BC-2020-06 The Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi **Before: Pre-Trial Judge** Judge Nicolas Guillou Dr Fidelma Donlon **Registrar:** Filed by: Dr Fidelma Donlon Date: 16 December 2020 Language: English **Classification**: Public

KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS

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Notification of Withdrawal of Co-Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi

with one confidential Annex

Specialist Prosecutor's Office

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1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules,¹ the Registrar hereby informs the Pre-Trial Judge of the withdrawal of Co-Counsel for Mr Jakup Krasniqi ('Mr Krasniqi'), namely Mr Valon Hasani ('Mr Hasani').

2. On 30 November 2020, upon request of Counsel, the Registrar approved Mr Hasani as additional Co-Counsel for Mr Krasniqi in accordance with Section 18 of the Directive on Counsel.²

3. On 15 December 2020, Counsel informed the Defence Office that Mr Hasani intended to withdraw as Co-Counsel for Mr Krasniqi. Pursuant to Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel, Counsel further informed the Defence Office that the termination of Mr Hasani's contract would be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interests of Mr Krasniqi and the duration of the proceedings.

4. On 15 December 2020, the Registrar approved Mr Hasani's withdrawal as Co-Counsel for Mr Krasniqi.³

5. 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

Wednesday, 16 December 2020 At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹ 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).

² Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00117, 3 December 2020, public.

³ Annex 1.