In: KSC-BC-2020-07

The Prosecutor v. Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj

Before: Pre-Trial Judge

Judge Nicolas Guillou

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Specialist Counsel for Hysni Gucati

Date: 15 December 2020

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Specialist Prosecutor

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Request to Postpone the time of the Initial Appearance Hearing

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REQUEST

1. On 14 December 2020 the SPO submitted the confirmed Indictment,¹ with redactions as authorised by the Pre Trial Judge².

2. Pursuant to Rules 87(6) and 92 (1) the Single Judge decided to convene the hearing on the initial appearance on Mr Gucati on Friday, 18 December 2020, at 11.00 hours.

3. In setting that date, the Pre Trial Judge, took into account the practicability of travel for all Counsel, amid the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

4. To reduce travel and transit time, Specialist Counsel, Mr Jonathan Elystan Rees Q.C. and Co-Counsel Mr Huw Bowden, would ask that the hearing time be postponed to 14.00 hours.

5. Specialist Counsel for Mr Haradinaj, Mr Bastiaan Martens, has indicated that the hearing on the initial appearance for Mr Haradinaj, scheduled for Friday 18 December 2020, at 14.00 hours could be brought forward to 11.00 to accommodate this.

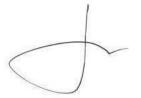
6. In addition it is requested that Mr Gucati be brought to court for the hearing and that Counsel and Co-Counsel have access to Mr Gucati whilst at the Specialist Chambers for at least 2 hours prior to the hearing.

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¹ KSC-BC-2020-07, F00075, Specialist Prosecutor, Submission of Confirmed Indictment, 14 December 2020, public, with Annex 1 ("Confirmed Indictment"), strictly confidential, and Annex 2, ("Public Redacted Confirmed Indictment"), public

² Confirmation Decision, para. 155(c)

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