

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

Filing Participant: Specialist Counsel for Hashim Thaçi

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Thaçi Defence response to the “Veseli Defence Request for Word Limit Variation”

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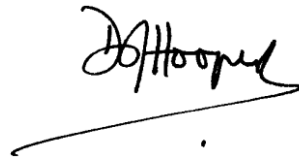
1. The Defence for Mr Hashim Thaçi (“Thaçi Defence”) responds to the Veseli Defence Request for Word Limit Variation (“Veseli Request”),¹ The Thaçi Defence informs the Pre-Trial Judge that it intends to reply to SPO responses KSC-BC-2020-06/F00258, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00259, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00260 and KSC-BC-2020-06/F00263.
2. The Thaçi Defence endorses and adopts the Veseli Request submissions as regards the existence of good cause to vary the word limit for a reply to KSC-BC-2020-06/F00263, and requests a maximum of 5,000 words.
3. An additional request is made for an extension of the word limit for the Thaçi Defence replies to KSC-BC-2020-06/F00258, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00259, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00260 for a maximum of 5,000 words per reply, pursuant to Articles 36(1) and 36(2) of the Practice Direction.² It is respectfully submitted that good causes exists, given the length of the SPO responses, and the complexity and the novelty of the issues raised before the Pre-Trial Judge.
4. No prejudice would arise from the requested variations, given that the proposed replies will confine themselves to replying to the SPO Responses, in compliance with Rule 76 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

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¹ KSC-BC-2020-06/F00272, Veseli Defence Request for Word Limit Variation, 3 May 2021 (“Veseli Request”).

² KSC-BD-15, Practice Direction on Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, 17 May 2019 (“Practice Direction”).

Respectfully submitted,

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At London, United Kingdom