

**In:** KSC-BC-2020-06

**Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi**

**Before:** Pre-Trial Judge

Judge Nicolas Guillou

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

**Filing Participant:** Counsel for Kadri Veseli

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**Veseli Defence Request for a Time Limit Variation**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Defence for Kadri Veseli ("Defence") requests a variation of the time limit for filing replies ("Replies") to the responses of the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") to the preliminary motions submitted pursuant to Rule 97(1).
2. More particularly, the Defence seeks to postpone the date for filing the Replies from Friday 14 May 2021 to Monday 17 May 2021 at 11:00 am CET.
3. The Defence submits that good cause has been shown. Europe Day and Eid-al-Fitr are official Court holidays. Co-Counsel's ability to work, furthermore, has been hampered by a state of emergency in his country of residence.
4. The SPO was consulted and noted that Friday 14 May 2021 was selected by the Defence as the date for submitting the Replies, presumably, with knowledge of upcoming public holidays. The SPO does not, therefore, see a good basis for what amounts to a 'three day extension'. Nonetheless, the SPO does not oppose the Defence request 'in the spirit of comity'.
5. No prejudice will be caused to the SPO or to the timely conduct of proceedings. If the Defence should file the Replies after 16:00 on Friday 14 May 2021, as it is entitled, they will not be officially notified to the Parties and the Pre-Trial Judge until after the opening of CMU on Monday 17 May 2021.

II. RELIEF SOUGHT

6. In light of the aforementioned, the Pre-Trial Judge is respectfully requested to extend the time limit for filing the Replies to Monday 17 May 2021 at 11:00 am CET.

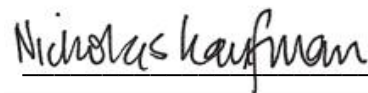
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