

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: Specialist Counsel for Kadri Veseli

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**Veseli Defence Reply to the Registrar's Observations
on the Modification of the Terms for the Second Custodial Visit**

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1. The Defence for Mr Veseli thanks the Registry for its ongoing support in facilitating the custodial visit and its agreement to arrange for Mr Veseli to pay his respects to his deceased father at the graveside.
2. The Defence notes the Registry's objection to the expansion of those individuals who may communicate with him to include second-degree relations on the basis that the additional numbers will hinder the ability to maintain effective control of the visit.
3. Mr Veseli would ask the Pre-Trial Judge not to rule on this matter definitively but to leave the matter to the complete discretion of the Chief Custody Officer who will decide how many second-degree family members may either be present at the mother's house or at the local detention facility. The Defence hopes that the Chief Custody Officer will review the situation with respect to public demonstrations and consider a staggered schedule for visits by second-degree family members to be negotiated with the Defence.
4. For the clarification of doubt, Mr Veseli will accept any decision of the Chief Custody Officer with the grace that he has exhibited to date.

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