



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

**File number:** KSC-BC-2020-06/IA010

**Before:** The President of the Specialist Chambers  
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 29 July 2021

**Language:** English

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**Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel to  
Consider Request Regarding Time Limits**

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**Judges of the Court of Appeals Panel:**

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Emilio Gatti

Judge Nina Jørgensen

**Counsel for Hashim Thaçi:**

Gregory Kehoe

**Counsel for Kadri Veseli:**

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**Specialist Prosecutor's Office:**

Jack Smith

**Counsel for Rexhep Selimi:**

David Young

**Victims' Counsel Victims:**

Simon Laws

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Venkateswari Alagendra

**THE PRESIDENT** of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), acting pursuant to Articles 33(1)(c), 41(10) and 45(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”), Rules 58(1),(2), 169 and 170(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”) and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on the Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns a Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the request of Mr Hashim Thaçi for an extension of time (“Request”)<sup>1</sup> to appeal the Pre-Trial Judge’s decision on his continued detention (“Impugned Decision”).<sup>2</sup>

## I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 23 July 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge rendered the Impugned Decision wherein he ordered Mr Thaçi’s continued detention.<sup>3</sup>
2. On 28 July 2021, Mr Thaçi filed the Request.<sup>4</sup>

## II. DISCUSSION

3. According to Article 33(1)(c) of the Law, an assignment to a Court of Appeals Panel shall take place “as soon as a motion for an interlocutory appeal in relation to a decision of a Pre-Trial Judge or a Trial Panel by right under Article 45(1) is filed [...]”. Further, Rule 169 of the Rules stipulates that “[p]ursuant to Article 33(1)(c) of the Law, the President shall assign a Court of Appeals Panel as soon as an interlocutory appeal is filed as of right [...], or as otherwise necessary”.

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<sup>1</sup> IA010/F00001, Thaçi Defence Request for an Extension of the Time Limit to Submit its Appeal against the Pre-Trial Judge’s Decision on Review of Detention of Hashim Thaçi, 28 July 2021.

<sup>2</sup> F00417/RED, Public Redacted Version of Decision on Review of Detention of Hashim Thaçi, 23 July 2021.

<sup>3</sup> See Impugned Decision, para. 64.

<sup>4</sup> See generally the Request.

4. Mr Thaçi has not yet filed his appeal against the Impugned Decision. However, given the significance to rule on the Request *sub judice* prior to the expiry of the deadline set out under Rule 170(1) of the Rules, the President deems it necessary to assign a Court of Appeals Panel in accordance with Rule 169, last proposition of the Rules.

### III. ASSIGNMENT

5. Having considered the criteria set forth in Rule 4 of the Rules on Assignment, including relevant experience and expertise as well as availability at this time,

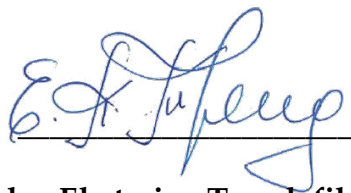
#### THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:

**Judge Michèle Picard**

**Judge Emilio Gatti**

**Judge Nina Jørgensen**

to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the Request.



**Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,  
President of the Specialist Chambers**

Dated this Thursday, 29 July 2021  
At The Hague,  
The Netherlands