



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
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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

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Notification of Withdrawal of Co-Counsel for Kadri Veseli
with one confidential Annex

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1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules¹ and Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel,² the Registrar hereby informs the Pre-Trial Judge of the withdrawal of Co-Counsel for Mr Kadri Veseli ('Mr Veseli'), namely Mr Nicholas Kaufman ('Mr Kaufman').
2. On 13 April 2021, upon request of Counsel, the Registrar approved Mr Kaufman as additional Co-Counsel for Mr Veseli in accordance with Section 18 of the Directive on Counsel.³
3. On 6 September 2021, Counsel informed the Defence Office that Mr Kaufman wished to withdraw as Co-Counsel for Mr Veseli. Pursuant to Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel, Counsel further informed the Defence Office that the termination of Mr Kaufman's contract would be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interests of Mr Veseli and the duration of the proceedings. Mr Kaufman subsequently indicated that the withdrawal had been mutually agreed upon between Counsel and himself and confirmed that he is fully aware of his ongoing professional obligations pursuant to the Code of Professional Conduct.⁴
4. On 7 September 2021, the Registrar approved Mr Kaufman's withdrawal as Co-Counsel for Mr Veseli.⁵

¹ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').

² Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04-Rev1, 28 April 2021.

³ KSC-BC-2020-06, F00246, Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Kadri Veseli, 14 April 2021, public. *See also* F00135, Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Kadri Veseli, 11 December 2021, public.

⁴ Code of Professional Conduct – for Counsel and Prosecutors Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-07-Rev1, 28 April 2021.

⁵ Annex 1.

5. This submission is filed as public, whereas Annex 1 is filed confidentially pursuant to Rule 82(1)(b) and (3) of the Rules, as it contains personal information concerning Counsel and Co-Counsel.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Friday, 10 September 2021

At The Hague, the Netherlands