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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 Prosecutor

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Prosecution Request for an Extension of Time Limit to Respond to F00489

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1. Pursuant to Rules 9(5)(a) and 76,¹ the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') requests an extension to 22 October 2021 in order to respond to the joint defence notification concerning the SPO's Rule 102(3) List ('Joint Notification').² Absent any adjustment to applicable deadlines the responses would be due on 11 October 2021.³
2. Good cause⁴ exists for the extension requested for the response to the Joint Notification, taking into account that (1) all four defendants ('Defence') filed their requests for additional descriptions simultaneously, (2) the requests were received all at once as opposed to in a staggered manner, (3) the list of additional descriptions requested exceeds 24,000 items, (4) time is required for security assessments, and careful multi-layered checks, especially where the items relate to persons who have interacted with the SPO, and (5) the SPO is concurrently addressing, *inter alia*, multiple Rule 102(3) disclosure requests (there are currently 7 requests under review and processing).
3. In the circumstances it is appropriate and in the interests of justice for the SPO to have an adequate opportunity to review and address the Defence requests in order to make any resulting requests for documents more efficient. The SPO respectfully asks the Pre-Trial Judge to grant the limited extension sought and to adjust the applicable deadline to 22 October 2021.

¹ Rule of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules'). All references to 'Rule' or 'Rules' herein refer to the Rules, unless otherwise specified.

² Joint Defence Notification with Respect to SPO Rule 102(3) Notice, KSC-BC-2020-6/F00489, 24 September 2021.

³ Decision on the Defence Request for an Amended Rule 102(3) Notice, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00460, 8 September 2021, para.27(d).

⁴ Rule 9(5)(a) provides that '[t]he Panel may, *proprio motu* or upon a showing of good cause [,] extend or reduce any time limit prescribed by the Rules or set by the Panel'.

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