

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

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Veseli Defence Request for a Deadline for SPO Pre-Trial Brief

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I. SUBMISSIONS

1. The Defence for Mr Kadri Veseli (“Defence”) files this request seeking the Pre-Trial Judge to issue an order pursuant to rule 95(3)(a) for the SPO to file its Pre-Trial Brief.
2. At the last Status conference, held on 14 September 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge confirmed his intention to set a deadline for the SPO’s Pre-Trial Brief at the latest in the next Status conference.¹ The Pre-Trial Judge reminded the SPO that almost one year of pre-trial had elapsed, and the Defence could not wait any longer.²
3. As Counsel submitted at the status conference, it was the SPO that had indicated its readiness at the previous Status conference in July to file by mid-October, and nothing had happened since that indication was given to justify an extension.³ This remains the case at the time of filing.
4. A minor extension, is all that could justifiably be ordered under the circumstances set out above.
5. The next Status conference is scheduled on 29 October 2021.⁴ It is important that all parties are provided with as much advance notice of the date on which to expect the SPO’s Pre-Trial Brief.
6. In view of the fast approaching date, the Defence respectfully requests that the Pre-Trial Judge issue an order as soon as possible, for the SPO to file its Pre-Trial Brief by 31 October 2021.

¹ Transcript, 14 September 2021, pp. 620-23.

² Transcript, 14 September 2021, pp. 611-612.

³ Transcript, 14 September 2021, pp. 612.

⁴ Transcript, 14 September 2021, pp. 620-23.

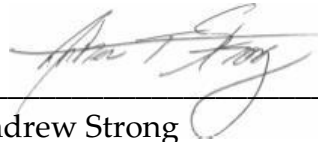
II. CONCLUSION

7. For the foregoing reasons, the Defence respectfully requests that the Pre-Trial Judge orders the SPO's Pre-Trial Brief setting the deadline as **31 October 2021**.

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