

File number: KSC-BC-2020-04/IA002

**Before:** The President of the Specialist Chambers

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

Date: 10 November 2021

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# **Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel**

# Judges of the Court of Appeals Panel:

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Emilio Gatti

Judge Nina Jørgensen

Specialist Prosecutor's Office: Counsel for Pjetër Shala:

Jack Smith Jean-Louis Gilissen

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers ("President"), noting Articles 33(1)(c) and 45(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, Rules 97(1)(a), (3), 169 and 170(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers 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 Mr Pjetër Shala's appeal against the Pre-Trial Judge's "Decision on Motion Challenging the Establishment and Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers" ("Appeal" and "Decision on Establishment and Jurisdiction", respectively).¹

#### I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On 18 October 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge issued the Decision on Establishment and Jurisdiction, wherein he rejected Mr Shala's motion insofar as it challenged the establishment and jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers and/or that his constitutional rights were violated.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. On 9 November 2021, Mr Shala filed the Appeal.

### II. ASSIGNMENT

3. 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,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IA002/F00003, Defence Appeal against Decision on Motion Challenging the Establishment and Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers, 9 November 2021; F00088, Decision on Motion Challenging the Establishment and Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers, 18 October 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Decision on Establishment and Jurisdiction, para. 104.

## THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:

Judge Michèle Picard Judge Emilio Gatti Judge Nina Jørgensen

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

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,

President of the Specialist Chambers

Dated this Wednesday, 10 November 2021 At The Hague, The Netherlands