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: Counsel for Rexhep Selimi

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1. Pursuant to Rule 149 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), the Defence for Mr. Selimi ("Defence") hereby files this Notice in relation to potential SPO Expert witnesses.

2. According to Rule 149(2):

- "(2) Within seven (7) days of disclosure of the report of an expert witness, or as directed by the Panel, the opposing Party shall file a notice indicating whether: (a) it challenges the qualifications of the witness as an expert or the relevance of all or parts of the expert witness report and, if so, which parts; (b) it accepts the expert witness report or parts thereof; or (c) it wishes to cross-examine the expert witness."
- 3. On 24 November 202, the SPO disclosed Batch 117, which included the reports of the following three putative experts:
 - a. [REDACTED]
 - b. [REDACTED]
 - c. [REDACTED]
- 4. All three witnesses also figure among the SPO's preliminary witness list of 327 witnesses which was filed on 22 October 2021.²
- 5. At the present juncture, when the Pre-Trial Brief pursuant to Rule 95 has not been filed by the SPO and will not be filed until 17 December 2021,³ it is premature to require the Defence to file a notice pursuant to Rule 149(2). The Defence therefore reserves the right to do so, by a date fixed by the Pre-Trial Judge after having received the Pre-Trial Brief. It is suggested that this may be done concomitantly with the filing of the Defence Pre-Trial Brief.
- 6. However, if the Pre-Trial Judge requires the production of a Rule 149(2) expert notice at the current time, the Defence: (a) challenges the qualifications of the witness as an expert and relevance of the report; (b) does not accept the expert witness report; and (c) wishes to cross-examine; in relation to each of the three proposed experts set out in

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¹ Rules 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 KSC-BC-2020-06, F00542, Annex 2 to Prosecution submission of preliminary witness list with strictly confidential and *ex parte* Annex 1 and confidential redacted Annex 2, 22 October 2021 ("Preliminary Witness List)".

³ KSC-BC-2020-06, Oral Order of the Pre-Trial Judge on SPO's pre-trial brief and related material according to Rule 95(4)(a), 29 October 2021, Public Transcript at page 752 line 20 to page 753 line 5.

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paragraph 3 above. This notice may be updated in light of the information provided in the Prosecution Pre-Trial Brief.

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