



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

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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THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE,¹ pursuant to Article 39(1) and (13) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office and Rules 9(5)(a) and 76 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby renders this order.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 27 January 2022, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") filed its "Prosecution Request for Extension of Time" ("Request") in which it is requested that the Pre-Trial Judge grant an extension of time to disclose a limited number of Rule 102(1)(b) material beyond its deadline of 31 January 2022.²

II. APPLICABLE LAW

2. Pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules, the Pre-Trial Judge may *proprio motu* reduce any time limit prescribed by the Rules or set by the Panel.
3. Pursuant to Rule 76 of the Rules, any response to a motion shall be filed within ten (10) days of the motion and any reply to a response shall be filed within five (5) days of the response.

III. DISCUSSION

4. The Defence for the various Accused are entitled to respond to the Request within ten days, and the SPO is entitled to reply within five days of the response(s) pursuant to Rule 76 of the Rules.

¹ KSC-BC-2020-06, F00001, President, *Decision Assigning a Pre-Trial Judge*, 23 April 2020, public.

² KSC-BC-2020-06, F00657, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Request for Extension of Time*, 27 January 2022, confidential. A public redacted version was filed the same day, F00657/RED.

5. Mindful of the impending deadline of 31 January 2022 for the disclosure of remaining Rule 102(1)(b) material and the time needed to rule on the Request, the Pre-Trial Judge considers it necessary to reduce the relevant time limit for responses and a reply. Accordingly, if the Defence for the various Accused choose to respond, they are ordered to do so by 16:00 on Friday, 28 January 2022. If the SPO chooses to reply, it is ordered to do so by noon on Monday, 31 January 2022.

IV. DISPOSITION

6. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Pre-Trial Judge hereby:

- a. **ORDERS** the Defence for the various Accused, if they so choose, to file their response to the Request by 16:00 on **Friday, 28 January 2022**; and
- b. **ORDERS** the SPO, if it so chooses, to file a reply to a response(s) by noon on **Monday, 31 January 2022**.



Judge Nicolas Guillou
Pre-Trial Judge

Dated this Thursday, 27 January 2022
At The Hague, the Netherlands.