

In: KSC-BC-2020-05
The Prosecutor v. Salih Mustafa

Before: **Trial Panel I**
Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia, Presiding Judge
Judge Roland Dekkers
Judge Gilbert Bitti, Judge Rapporteur
Judge Vladimir Mikula, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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**Victims' Counsel submissions on the Defence preparation conference and the
Victims' status conference scheduled on 17 and 18 February 2022 and related
written submissions**

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1. On 8 February 2022, the Trial Panel ("Panel") ordered the Victims' Counsel and the Parties to file submissions as to whether the dates of the 17 and 18 February 2022 scheduled for the Defence preparation conference and Victims' status conference ("preparation conference") and the deadlines for the related written submissions shall be maintained.¹
2. Victims' Counsel stands ready to participate in the preparation conference as scheduled by the Panel and file the related written submissions according to the deadlines set.
3. It is Victims' Counsel's view that the preparation conference should be held, if meaningful observations from all sides are possible. For this, it would be necessary that the Defence files submissions regarding Section III.C. of the Panel's Decision of 21 January 2022 according to the deadlines set in that decision.²
4. Should no submissions be made following the Rule 119(1) of the Rules notice, postponement of the preparation conference is preferable.

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¹ KSC-BC-2020-05, F00314, Order for submissions on the conduct of the proceedings following the Defence's Rule 130(1) notice of its intention to file a motion to dismiss any or all of the charges in the Indictment, 8 February 2022.

² KSC-BC-2020-05, F00296, Second decision on the conduct of the proceedings, 21 January 2022, para. 21(f) and (i).