In: KSC-CC-2022-13

Before: Constitutional Court Panel

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Judge Roumen Nenkov

Judge Romina Incutt

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Thaçi's Joinder to the Krasniqi Defence Referral to the Constitutional Court Panel on the Legality of Charging Joint Criminal Enterprise

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I. SUBMISSIONS

- 1. On 28 February 2022, the Defence for Mr Jakup Krasniqi ("Krasniqi Defence") filed its *Referral to the Constitutional Court Panel on the Legality of Charging Joint Criminal Enterprise with public Annex 1* ("Krasniqi Referral").¹
- 2. The current Constitutional Panel was assigned on 1 March 2022.²
- 3. The Defence for Mr Hashim Thaçi ("Defence") agrees with the submissions presented in the Krasniqi Referral; namely, that the Specialist Prosecutor's Office has violated the individual rights of the accused in case KSC-BC-2020-06 by charging them with the basic and extended forms of joint criminal enterprise ("JCE").
- 4. The Defence submits that the Krasniqi Referral convincingly substantiates its position that: (i) the extended form of joint criminal enterprise ("JCE III") was not part of customary international law during the indictment period; (ii) JCE III was not accessible or foreseeable to the accused during the indictment period; and (iii) JCE is not a mode of responsibility prescribed by Article 16(1)(a) of the Law.³
- 5. On this basis, the Defence hereby joins the Krasniqi Referral, and supports the request for relief as set out therein.

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¹ KSC-CC-2022-13/F00001, Krasniqi Defence Referral to the Constitutional Court Panel on the Legality of Charging Joint Criminal Enterprise, 28 February 2022 (notified on 1 March 2022).

² KSC-CC-2022-13/F00002, Decision to Assign Judges to a Constitutional Court Panel, 1 March 2022.

³ Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office.

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