



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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Order Varying Time Limit

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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 22 March 2022, the Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“SPO”) filed its “Prosecution Request for Reclassification of Filing F00744” (“Request”) in which it is requested that the Pre-Trial Judge reclassify as confidential the “Veseli Defence Submissions for Eleventh Status Conference” (“Filing F00744”),² and order the Defence for Kadri Veseli to file a public redacted version, with redactions applied to confidential information that has not been made public under the legal framework of the Specialist Chambers.³

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.

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

² KSC-BC-2020-06, F00744, Specialist Counsel, *Veseli Defence Submissions for Eleventh Status Conference*, 21 March 2022, public.

³ KSC-BC-2020-06, F00745, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Request for Reclassification of Filing F00744*, 22 March 2022, confidential, paras 1, 3.

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.

5. Mindful that Filing F00744 includes submissions relevant to the upcoming status conference to be held on 24 March 2022, the Pre-Trial Judge considers it necessary to reduce the relevant time limits 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 Wednesday, 23 March 2022. If the SPO chooses to reply, it is ordered to do so by 11:00 on Thursday, 24 March 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 **Wednesday, 23 March 2022**; and
- b. **ORDERS** the SPO, if it so chooses, to file a reply to a response(s) by 11:00 on **Thursday, 24 March 2022**.



Judge Nicolas Guillou
Pre-Trial Judge

Dated this Tuesday, 22 March 2022
At The Hague, the Netherlands.