



SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
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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: Specialist Prosecutor

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Prosecution response to 'Joint Defence Request for Variation of Time Limit for Leave to Appeal Decision KSC-BC-2020-06/F00854'

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1. The Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') does not oppose a reasonable variation of the time limit for certification to appeal the Decision.¹ However, the Joint Defence Request² to essentially triple the time period set out in Rule 77 of the Rules³ is excessive. The Defence does not substantiate why they require this extraordinary amount of time to file their request for leave to appeal or why a shorter extension is not sufficient. The SPO defers to the Pre-Trial Judge as to the appropriate extension.

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At The Hague, the Netherlands.

¹ Decision on Framework for the Handling of Confidential Information during Investigations and Contact between a Party or Participant and Witnesses of the Opposing Party or of a Participant, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00854, 24 June 2022 ('Decision').

² Joint Defence Request for Variation of Time Limit for Leave to Appeal Decision KSC-BC-2020-06/F00854 (Decision on Confidential Information and Contact with Witnesses), KSC-BC-2020-06/F00857, 29 June 2022 ('Joint Defence Request').

³ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').