

In: KSC-BC-2020-06

Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Supreme Court Panel
Judge Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
Judge Christine van den Wyngaert
Judge Michael Bohlander

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Counsel for Kadri Veseli

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Veseli Defence Response to Prosecution Request for Extension of Time

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1. The SPO fails to substantiate good cause to justify its Request,¹ which, in any event, is unreasonable.² Despite the ‘procedural’ novelty, the SPO could have reasonably anticipated all issues raised in the Defence Request for Protection of Legality.
2. Nevertheless, the Defence does not oppose a reasonable variation of the time limit prescribed to submit a response, provided that such delay will not, in the Panel’s view, hamper its ability to comply with the obligation to issue a speedy decision in detention matters.

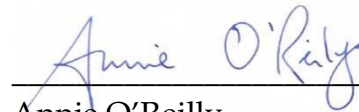
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¹ PL001/F00003, Prosecution Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Veseli Defence Request for Protection of Legality Against Decision on Appeal Concerning Remanded Detention Review and Periodic Review of Detention (IA014/F00008), 1 July 2022, (notified on 4 July 2022).

² The SPO requests double the time prescribed by Rule 77 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.