

**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's Submissions on estimated time for closing statements**

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## I. SUBMISSIONS

1. On 20 June 2022, the Trial Panel (hereafter: Panel) issued its 'Decision on the closing of the evidentiary proceedings and related matters', requesting parties and Victims' Counsel to file submissions on the estimated time they seek for their closing statements.<sup>1</sup>
2. In response, Victims' Counsel hereby informs the Panel that the closing statements made on behalf of the participating victims will not exceed 2 hours and may possibly be shorter. It is estimated that approximately half the time will be spent on the guilt or innocence of the Accused and sentencing.
3. In that respect, Victims' Counsel notes that a careful distinction will be drawn between the role of the participating victims and the SPO. As such, it would be appreciated if – after the SPO has delivered its closing statements – the Panel could schedule a break which allows Victims' Counsel to adjust her draft closing statement in order to avoid any unnecessary repetition. Approximately 60 minutes should suffice for this.
4. The other half of the estimated time will be dedicated to discussing reparations. In that respect, Victims' Counsel notes that without wanting to repeat the arguments made on the subject of reparations in previous stages of these proceedings, the closing statements will serve to place those arguments in the context of the trial as a whole.

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<sup>1</sup> KSC-BC-2020-05, F00439 (TP) *Decision on the closing of the evidentiary proceedings and related matters* (public), par. 22. See also *idem* par. 25(d).

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At The Hague, the Netherlands