

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: Counsel for Kadri Veseli

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**Veseli Defence Response to Sixth Registry Report on Victims’
Applications for Participation in the Proceedings (F00930)**

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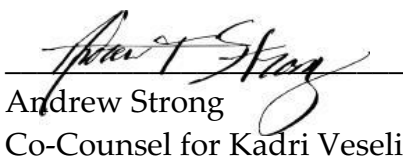
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1. The Defence for Mr Kadri Veseli (“Defence”) responds to the Sixth Registry Report on Victims’ Application for Participation in the Proceedings.¹ The Defence recalls its Response to the Fifth Registry Report on Victim’s Application for Participation in the Proceedings² and submits that the considerations included in paragraphs 1; 5-8; and 10-14 therein are applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to the present report and hereby incorporates them by reference.³ Accordingly, the Defence requests the Pre-Trial Judge to defer his decision until the Court of Appeals issues a ruling on the legal basis of total anonymity as a valid protective measure for victims participating in the proceedings; and ultimately reject the request for protective measures as unfounded in law and facts.

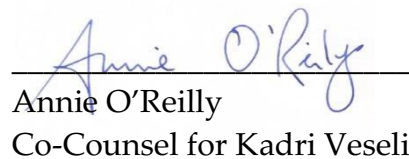
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¹ F00930, Sixth Registry Report on Victims’ Applications for Participation in the Proceedings with strictly confidential and *ex parte* Annexes 1-51, 18 August 2022.

² F00916, Veseli Defence Response to Fifth Registry Report on Victims’ Applications for Participation in the Proceedings (F00894), 4 August 2022.

³ The Defence notes that submissions through incorporation by reference are intended for reasons of judicial economy considering that no word limit issue arises.