



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

File number: KSC-BC-2020-06

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

Date: 30 November 2022

Language: English

Classification: Public

Decision Assigning Trial Panel II

Judges of the Trial Panel II:

Judge Charles Smith III

Judge Christoph Barthe

Judge Guénaél Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor (reserve)

Counsel for Hashim Thaçi:

Gregory Kehoe

Counsel for Kadri Veseli:

Ben Emmerson

Specialist Prosecutor's Office:

Alex Whiting (Acting Specialist Prosecutor)

Counsel for Rexhep Selimi:

David Young

Victims' Counsel:

Simon Laws

Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi:

Venkateswari Alagendra

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), acting pursuant to Articles 33(1)(b) and 40(1) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 98(3) and 115 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”) and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on the Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns Trial Panel II following the “Notification Pursuant to Rule 98(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence” by the Pre-Trial Judge on 15 December 2022 (“Notification”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 26 October 2020, the Pre-Trial Judge confirmed the indictment against Messrs Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakub Krasniqi, a redacted version of which was made public on 30 November 2021.²

2. Mr Krasniqi was arrested in Kosovo on 4 November 2020 and Messrs Thaçi, Veseli and Selimi on 5 November 2020, pursuant to arrest warrants issued by the Pre-Trial Judge on 26 October 2020.³ They were transferred to the Detention Facilities of the

¹ F01131, Notification Pursuant to Rule 98(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, 30 November 2022.

² See KSC-BC-2020-06, F00026, Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment Against Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakub Krasniqi, 26 October 2020 (strictly confidential and *ex parte*). A confidential redacted version was filed on 19 November 2020, F00026/CONF/RED. A public redacted version was filed on 30 November 2020, F00026/RED. See also, F00034, Submission of Confirmed Indictment and Related Requests, 30 October 2020 (confidential); F00045/A03, Further Redacted Indictment, 4 November 2020; F00134, Lesser Redacted Version of Redacted Indictment, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00045/A02, 4 November 2020, 11 December 2020 (confidential). A further corrected confirmed indictment was submitted on 3 September 2021 (strictly confidential and *ex parte*) (F00455/A01), with confidential redacted (F00455/CONF/RED/A01) and public redacted (F00455/RED/A01) versions. On 17 January 2022, the Specialist Prosecutor submitted a confidential, corrected and lesser redacted version of the confirmed indictment, F00647/A01. A confirmed amended indictment was filed on 29 April 2022 (strictly confidential and *ex parte*) (F00789/A01), with confidential redacted (F00789/A02) and public redacted (F00789/A05) versions. On 30 September 2022, the Specialist Prosecutor submitted a confirmed further amended indictment (strictly confidential and *ex parte*) (F00999/A01), with confidential redacted (F00999/A02) and public redacted versions (F00999/A03). A public redacted version was filed on the same day (F00993/RED).

³ See F00027, Public Redacted Version of Decision on Request for Arrest Warrants and Transfer Orders, 26 October 2020.

Specialist Chambers in The Hague, the Netherlands, on those same days.⁴

3. On 30 November 2022, the Pre-Trial Judge filed the Notification, informing that the case file will be ready for transmission to a Trial Panel on 15 December 2022.⁵

II. ASSIGNMENT

4. Having considered the criteria set forth in Rule 4(2) of the Rules on Assignment, including relevant experience and expertise as well as availability at this time,

THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS TRIAL PANEL II, COMPOSED OF:

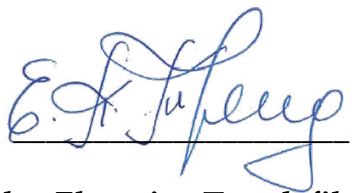
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to the present case upon transmission of the case file on 15 December 2022.



**Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,
President of the Specialist Chambers**

Dated this Wednesday, 30 November 2022

At The Hague,
The Netherlands

⁴ See F00048, Notification of the Reception of Jakub Krasniqi in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers, 4 November 2020; F00053, Notification of the Reception of Hashim Thaçi in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers and Appointment of Counsel, 5 November 2020; F00054, Notification of the Reception of Kadri Veseli in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers and Appointment of Counsel, 5 November 2020; F00055, Notification of the Reception of Rexhep Selimi in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers, 5 November 2020.

⁵ See Notification.