

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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**Joint Defence Request for Suspension of Time
Limit During the Winter Recess**

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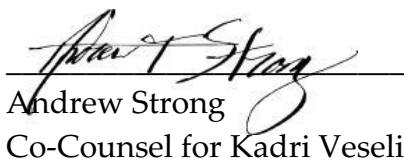
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1. Pursuant to Rule 9(5) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”), the Defence teams for Messrs Kadri Veseli, Hashim Thaçi, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi (“Defence”), hereby requests a suspension of deadlines over the Winter Recess.
2. The SPO has confirmed, by *inter partes* correspondence, that it does not oppose this request.
3. The Defence highlights that the written submissions in this case are particularly burdensome.¹ Given the imminent transfer to the Trial Panel, it is expected that the parties will be required to address a considerable number of filings, including relating to trial management, admissibility and streamlining, which in turn imposes significant burdens on all Parties as they ready themselves for trial. A suspension of deadlines over the winter recess would assist in facilitating these preparations.

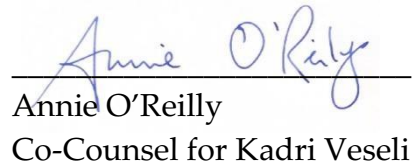
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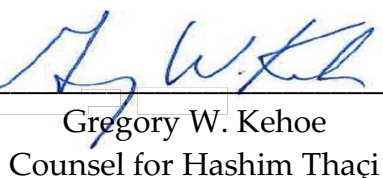
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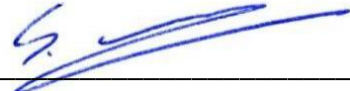


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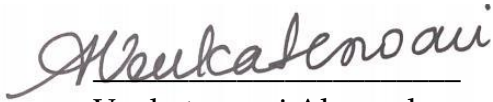
¹ Over 1,500 filings have been submitted in this casefile in the pre-trial phase alone compared to 600 filings in the Gucati and Haradinaj casefile, which has reached the appeals phase.




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