In: KSC-BC-2020-06

Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep

Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Trial Panel II

Judge Charles L. Smith, III, Presiding Judge

Judge Christophe Barthe

Judge Guénaël Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

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Veseli Defence Response to Prosecution Request for Time Extension Relating to Decision F01149

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- 1. The SPO fails to substantiate good cause to justify its Request,¹ which, in any event, is unreasonable.² The SPO should have reasonably anticipated the resources required to accomplish such tasks, especially considering the fast approaching start of trial.³ Additionally, the Pre-Trial Judge already ruled on the materiality of the matter and concluded it is material to the Defence, thus the material is valuable to the Defence.⁴ Finally, the Defence recalls that it anticipates receiving several tens of thousands of pages of de-redacted disclosure by the end of this month,⁵ which will significantly burden Defence resources. Under the circumstances, any delays to the disclosure of this material would be unfairly prejudicial to the Defence.
- 2. This filing is submitted as confidential, in accordance with Rule 82(4) of the Rules, as the SPO Request is confidential. The Defence does not object to its reclassification as public.

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¹ F01195, Prosecution request for time extension relating to Decision F01149, 11 January 2023. *See* also, F01149, Decision on Joint Defence Motion for Disclosure Pursuant to Rule 103 (F00877/COR), 9 December 2022.

² The SPO was given over 1 month to comply with the Pre-Trial Judge's Decision, on 9 December 2022 and awaited 2 days before the deadline to request additional time; nearly requesting double the time already allowed.

³ Transcript, 16 December 2022, p. 1773.

⁴ F01149, para. 76 and F01195, para. 4. Furthermore, the SPO already requested a reconsideration of the Pre-Trial Judge's Decision, leave to appeal and suspensive effect of said Decision. *See* F01185, Prosecution request for reconsideration or leave to appeal Decision F01149, 4 January 2023; F01186, Prosecution request for suspensive effect relating to Decision F01149, 4 January 2023.

⁵ Transcript, 16 December 2022, p. 1776.