

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 Christoph Barthe

Judge Guénaël Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Acting Specialist Prosecutor

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Prosecution Request for Extension of Words to File Motion for Admission of Prior Statements of the Accused

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- 1. The Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') intends to file a motion requesting admission of prior statements of the Accused. This will be a consolidated motion containing submissions concerning all four Accused and in respect of 26 separate statements. In that regard, and pursuant to Article 36(1) of the Practice Direction,¹ the SPO requests a word extension of 6,000 words to a total of 12,000 words for the filing.
- 2. Good cause exists for the requested word extension, and no prejudice will be caused to the Defence or to the Victims' Counsel. Submitting one consolidated motion will allow the SPO to present the relevant information in the most efficient and concise manner possible. Moreover, the number of prior statements included in the filing, as well as the individual Article 37 and Rule 138 elements that must be addressed to satisfy the requirements of admission, further justify the word extension.

Word Count: 163

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At The Hague, the Netherlands.

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¹ Practice Direction on Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-15, 17 May 2019.