

In: KSC-BC-2020-06

**The 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 Guénaél Mettraux
Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Counsel for Rexhep Selimi

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**Selimi Defence Response to SPO Request for Extension of Words to File Motion
for Admission of Prior Statements of the Accused**

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1. The Defence does not oppose the SPO Request for an Extension of Words to File Motion for Admission of Prior Statements of the Accused filed on 9 February 2023.¹
2. However, given that the SPO intends to admit 26 separate statements against all four accused, the Defence will require a commensurate increase in the number of words for its Response, especially as its submissions will not be limited to statements of Mr. Selimi but potentially to all of these statements.
3. Moreover, although the Defence is unaware when precisely the SPO will seek to admit these statements, it is likely that they will do so in the near future at the same time as the Defence is, inter alia, preparing for opening statements, preparing to cross-examine the first witnesses, investigating new allegations against Mr. Selimi, responding to an oversized bar table motion.
4. Consequently, an extension of fourteen days, beyond the ten days set down by Rule 76, is requested for the Defence to meaningfully respond to this future motion. This requested extension will cause no prejudice to the SPO or Victims Counsel.

Word count: 205

Respectfully submitted on 13 February 2023,



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¹ KSC-BC-2020-06/F01273, Prosecution Request for Extension of Words to File Motion for Admission of Prior Statements of the Accused, 9 February 2023.



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