

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

Date: 9 March 2023

Language: English

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Prosecution request for extension of words to file consolidated motion for admission of evidence of witnesses pursuant to Rule 154

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1. Pursuant to the Third Oral Order,¹ the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') will file its Rule² 154 motion in respect of the second group of 12 witnesses by 15 March 2023 at 4.00 pm. The SPO intends to file one motion containing submissions for the relevant witnesses. In that regard, and pursuant to Article 36(1) of the Practice Direction,³ the SPO requests a word extension of 6,000 words to a total of 12,000 words for the filing.⁴

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 motion will allow the SPO to present the relevant information in the most efficient and concise manner, and avoid unnecessary repetition across filings. Moreover, the number of witnesses that must be included in the filing, and the diverse Rule 154 elements that must be addressed to satisfy the requirements of Rule 154, further justify the word extension.

Word Count: 239

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¹ Third Oral Order, 18 January 2023, p.1902 lines 6-19.

² Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules'). All references to 'Rule' or 'Rules' herein refer to the Rules, unless otherwise specified.

³ Practice Direction on Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-15, 17 May 2019.

⁴ See Decision on Prosecution Request for Extension of Words to File Consolidated Motion for Admission of Evidence of Witnesses Pursuant to Rule 154, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01260, 6 February 2023.