

In: KSC-CA-2023-02

Before: A Panel of the Court of Appeals Chamber

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Kai Ambos

Judge Nina Jørgensen

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Notification of Withdrawal of Co-Counsel for Mr Salih Mustafa

with one confidential Annex

Specialist Prosecutor's Office Counsel for Salih Mustafa

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Counsel for Victims

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- 1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules¹ and Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel,² the Registrar hereby informs the Court of Appeals Panel of the withdrawal of Mr Jonathan Elystan Rees ('Mr Rees') as Co-Counsel for Mr Salih Mustafa ('Mr Mustafa').
- 2. On 13 January 2023, the Registrar approved Mr Rees as additional Co-Counsel in Mr Mustafa's Defence Team, in accordance with Section 18 of the Directive on Counsel.³
- 3. On 7 March 2023, Mr Julius von Bóné, Specialist Counsel, informed the Defence Office that Mr Rees has ceased his services as Co-Counsel for Mr Mustafa. Pursuant to Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel, Counsel further informed the Defence Office that the termination of Mr Rees's contract would be accomplished without adverse effect on the interests of Mr Mustafa and the duration of the proceedings. The Defence Office notes in this regard that Counsel for Mr Mustafa continues to be assisted by one other Co-Counsel.⁴
- 4. On 15 March 2023, the Registrar accordingly approved Mr Rees' withdrawal as Co-Counsel for Mr Mustafa.⁵

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¹ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules'); *see also* Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, 3 August 2015, arts 21(4)(e), 21(5), 34(7) and 41(4)(b).

² Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04/Rev1/2021, 28 April 2021.

³ KSC-BC-2020-05, F00508, Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel, 2 February 2023, public.

⁴ See F00094, Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Salih Mustafa, 5 March 2021.

⁵ See Annex 1, confidential.

5. Pursuant to Rule 82 (3) of the Rules, Annex 1 is filed confidentially as it contains personal information concerning Counsel and Co-Counsel.

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Registrar

Friday, 17 March 2023

At The Hague, the Netherlands