



SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
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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 Guénaél Mettraux
Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Acting Specialist Prosecutor

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Prosecution request for time extension to reply to filings F01473, F01474, F01475, and F01476

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1. Pursuant to Rule 9(5) of the Rules,¹ the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') requests a one week extension of the 1 May 2023 deadline for its respective replies to the Defence Responses² to the Motion for Admission of the Accused's Statements ('Motion').³ The requested extension is (i) timely, considering that two of the Responses were notified on 25 April 2023 and (ii) reasonable and proportionate, including in light of the two time extensions granted the Defence,⁴ resulting in a total of nearly seven weeks to prepare the Responses.

2. There is good cause for the requested extension, which will not prejudice the Defence, will enable focused and streamlined replies, and will ultimately facilitate the Panel's consideration of the Motion, in the interest of fair and expeditious proceedings. In particular, the Responses raise new, complex legal and factual issues, including concerning the manner in which the proposed statements were taken and the procedure and purported limits on admission. In this respect, the number and volume of statements concerned and competing deadlines, which previously founded Defence extension requests, also militate in favour of this request.

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At The Hague, the Netherlands.

¹ 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 are to the Rules, unless otherwise specified.

² Selimi Defence Response to SPO Motion for Admission of Accused's Statements, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01473, 24 April 2023, Confidential; Thaçi Response to 'Prosecution motion for admission of Accused's statements', KSC-BC-2020-06/F01474, 24 April 2023, Confidential; Krasniqi Defence Response to Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused's Statements, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01475, 24 April 2023, Confidential; Veseli Defence Response to Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused's Statements, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01476, 24 April 2023, Confidential (collectively, 'Responses').

³ KSC-BC-2020-06/F01351, 8 March 2023.

⁴ Decision on Thaçi, Selimi and Krasniqi Defence Request for an Extension of Time for Response to 'Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused's Statements', KSC-BC-2020-06/F01378, 16 March 2023 (extending the deadline to 17 April 2023); Transcript, 17 April 2023, pp.2955-2957 (extending the deadline to 24 April 2023).