



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

**In:** KSC-BC-2020-06  
**The 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

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**Notification of Appointment of New Counsel for Rexhep Selimi**  
**with one confidential and *ex parte* Annex**

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1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules<sup>1</sup> and Trial Panel II's ('the Panel') decision,<sup>2</sup> the Registrar hereby notifies the Panel of the appointment of Mr Geoffrey Roberts ('Mr Roberts') as new Counsel for Mr Rexhep Selimi ('Mr Selimi').
2. On 28 April 2023, the Registrar requested the Panel's approval of the early termination of the services of Mr David Young ('Mr Young') as Counsel for Mr Selimi, following the Accused's request for Mr Young to withdraw as his appointed Counsel, and that Mr Roberts be appointed as replacement Counsel.<sup>3</sup> The Registrar informed the Panel that should the request be granted, she was in a position to take immediate steps to appoint Mr Roberts to ensure that Mr Selimi is represented by Counsel at all times.<sup>4</sup>
3. On 1 May 2023, the Panel approved the request for the early termination of the representation of Mr Selimi by Mr Young, noting the impending appointment of Mr Roberts as Counsel for Mr Selimi.<sup>5</sup>
4. On the same day, the Registrar terminated the appointment of Mr Young as Counsel and appointed Mr Roberts as replacement Counsel for Mr Selimi, in accordance with Sections 12 and 13 of the Directive on Counsel.<sup>6</sup>
5. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, Annex 1 is filed confidentially, for distribution to Counsel for Mr Selimi only, as it contains personal information concerning Counsel.

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<sup>1</sup> 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), 21(5), 34(7) and 41(4)(b).

<sup>2</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01493, Decision Approving the Withdrawal of Counsel for Rexhep Selimi, 1 May 2023.

<sup>3</sup> F01490, Notification of Request for Withdrawal by Counsel for Rexhep Selimi, 28 April 2023.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 7.

<sup>5</sup> F01493, fn. 2 above, paras 9 – 10.

<sup>6</sup> *See* Annex 1, Appointment Letter, KSC/REG/IOR/6034, 1 May 2023, confidential.

**Registrar**

Tuesday, 2 May 2023

At The Hague, the Netherlands