



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

In: **KSC-BC-2020-04**
The Specialist Prosecutor v. Pjetër Shala

Before: **Trial Panel I**
Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia, Presiding Judge
Judge Roland Dekkers
Judge Gilbert Bitti
Judge Vladimir Mikula, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

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Order shortening time limits in relation to the Victims' Counsel's request for variation of protective measures (F00514)

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TRIAL PANEL I (Panel) hereby renders this order shortening time limits in relation to the Victims' Counsel's request for variation of protective measures (F00514).

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 17 May 2023, Victims' Counsel filed a request seeking a variation of the protective measures in place for victims V01/04, V02/04, V03/04, V04/04, V05/04, V06/04, V07/04 and V08/04, with a view to instructing an expert to assess the material damages allegedly suffered by the victims and to produce a report accordingly (Request).¹

II. APPLICABLE LAW

2. The Panel notes Article 40(2) of Law No. 05/L-53 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, and Rules 9(5)(a), 76 and 116(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (Rules).

III. ANALYSIS

3. The Panel notes that, pursuant to Rule 76 of the Rules, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office (SPO) and the Defence for Pjetër Shala (Defence) are entitled to respond to the Request, should they wish to do so, within ten (10) days thereof, and Victim's Counsel may reply within five (5) days of the response(s), if any.

4. Mindful of the relatively limited scope of the Request and in the interest of a fair and expeditious trial, the Panel considers it appropriate, pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a) of

¹ KSC-BC-2020-04, F00514, Victims' Counsel, *Victims' Counsel's Request for variation of protective measures in order to disclose certain information to the material damages expert*, 17 May 2023, public, paras 5, 11.

the Rules, to reduce *proprio motu* the time limits for responses and replies as established by Rule 76 of the Rules.

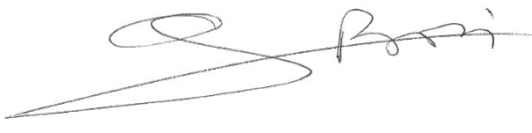
IV. DISPOSITION

5. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:

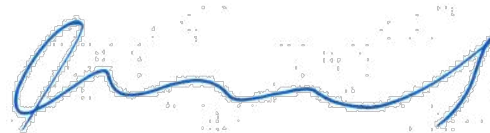
- a. **ORDERS** the SPO and the Defence to respond to the Request, should they wish to do so, by **Tuesday, 23 May 2023, at 16:00**; and
- b. **ORDERS** Victims' Counsel to reply, if he so wishes, by **Wednesday, 24 May 2023, at 16:00**.



Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia
Presiding Judge



Judge Gilbert Bitti



Judge Roland Dekkers

Dated this Friday, 19 May 2023
At The Hague, the Netherlands.