



SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
ZYRA E PROKURORIT TË SPECIALIZUAR  
SPECIJALIZOVANO TUŽILAŠTVO

**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:** 5 July 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 153**

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1. The Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') intends to file a Rule<sup>1</sup> 153 motion this week that encompasses a number of witnesses. The filing will provide detail concerning, *inter alia*, the witness's relevance and reliability, the suitability of the evidence for admission pursuant to Rule 153, and the applicable standards concerning Rule 153 admission. In that regard, and pursuant to Article 36(1) of the Practice Direction,<sup>2</sup> the SPO requests a word extension of 6,000 words to a total of 12,000 words for the filing.
2. Good cause exists for the requested word extension, and no prejudice will be caused to the Defence or to the Victims' Counsel. The SPO consulted the Defence and Victims' Counsel *inter partes*, and they have confirmed that they do not oppose this request. Moreover, 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. The number of witnesses that will be included in the filing, and the diverse Rule 153 elements that must be addressed to satisfy the requirements of Rule 153, further justify the word extension.

Word Count: 230



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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Practice Direction on Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-15, 17 May 2019.

Wednesday, 5 July 2023

At The Hague, the Netherlands.