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In: KSC-BC-2023-10
Specialist Prosecutor v. Sabit Januzi and Ismet Bahjtari

Before: Pre-Trial Judge
Judge Nicolas Guillou

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Specialist Prosecutor's Office

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Prosecution request for extension of time

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1. Pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules,¹ the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') hereby requests an extension of the 23 October 2023 deadline for its respective responses to the Defence Detention Submissions.² As foreshadowed during the first status conference on 12 October 2023, Defence Counsel have informed the SPO *via inter partes* communication that counsel for each of the Accused will file by 25 October 2023 supplemental submissions to the Defence Detention Submissions. Accordingly, the SPO respectfully requests that its deadline to respond be extended to ten (10) days from the date the Defence's supplemental submissions are filed.

2. There is good cause for the requested extension. The requested extension will enable the SPO to respond in one, consolidated filing to the Defence's original and supplemental submissions. This course will avoid overlapping filings, enable focused and streamlined replies to each of the Accused's full submissions, and will ultimately facilitate the Pre-Trial Judge's consideration of the final submissions on the merits, in the interest of fair and expeditious proceedings. The requested extension will not prejudice the Defence. Indeed, a consolidated briefing schedule is consistent with the issue as articulated by the Pre-Trial Judge at the parties' 12 October status conference.³

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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').

² Defence Submission on Detention on Remand, KSC-BC-2023-10/F00028, 11 October 2023, Confidential; Submission on detention on remand, KSC-BC-2023-10/F00030, 12 October 2023, Confidential (collectively, the 'Defence Detention Submissions')

³ Transcript (First Status Conference), 12 October 2023, p.69, lines 16-21.