

In: KSC-BC-2023-10

The Prosecutor v. Sabit Januzi and Ismet Bahtijari

Before: Pre-Trial Judge

Judge Nicolas Guillou

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

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## Notification of Assignment of Duty Counsel to Sabit Januzi

## with one confidential Annex

Specialist Prosecutor Duty Counsel for Sabit Januzi

Kimberly P. West Jonathan Elystan Rees

Registry Duty Counsel for Ismet Bahtijari

Head of Defence Office Hendrik Sytema

- 1. Pursuant to Article 21(5)(a) of the Law<sup>1</sup> and Rule 26 of the Rules,<sup>2</sup>, the Registrar hereby informs the Pre-Trial Judge of the appointment of Mr Jonathan Elystan Rees ('Mr Rees') as Duty Counsel to Mr Sabit Januzi ('Mr Januzi').
- 2. Following the reception of Mr Sabit Januzi ('Mr Januzi') in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers, the Registrar assigned Mr Thomas Gillis as Duty Counsel to Mr Januzi, pending the appointment or assignment of chosen Counsel.
- 3. On 25 October 2023, Mr Januzi submitted to the Registrar, through the Head of the Defence Office, a request for the assignment of Mr Rees as Counsel.<sup>3</sup> Mr Rees is admitted to the List of Specialist Counsel in accordance with Rules 25(1) and 26(1) of the Rules and the Directive on Counsel.<sup>4</sup>
- 4. The Registry is currently in the process of contracting Mr Rees in conformity with the legal and financial obligations of the Specialist Chambers. In the *interim*, on 31 October 2023, the Registrar has assigned Mr Rees as successive Duty Counsel to Mr Januzi, in accordance with Sections 12 and 14 of the Directive on Counsel,<sup>5</sup> in the interest of ensuring that Mr Januzi is represented by chosen Counsel without delay.
- 5. Annex 1 is submitted as confidential as it contains personal details of the Accused and Counsel.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Thursday, 2 November 2023 At The Hague, the Netherlands

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, Law No. 05/L-053, 3 August 2015 ('Law').

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Annex 1, confidential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04-Rev1, 28 April 2021, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Annex 1, confidential.