



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

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Decision on Veseli Defence Request for an Extension of Time for Reply to F01892

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TRIAL PANEL II (“Panel”), pursuant to Article 40(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”) and Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”), hereby renders this decision.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND AND SUBMISSIONS

1. On 19 October 2023, the Defence for Kadri Veseli (“Veseli Defence”) filed a request for the admission of three items used during W04769’s testimony (“Veseli Request”).¹

2. On 27 October 2023, the Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“SPO”) filed submissions (“SPO Submissions”)² wherein it: (i) requested the admission of four items used during W04769’s testimony (“SPO Request”);³ and (ii) responded to the Veseli Request (“SPO Response”).⁴

3. On 3 November 2023, the Veseli Defence filed a request for an extension of time until 8 November 2023 to reply to the SPO Response (“Extension of Time Request”).⁵ The Veseli Defence submits that: (i) it is subject to two separate deadlines arising out of the SPO Submissions, namely 3 November 2023 for the reply to the SPO Response (“Veseli Reply”) and 8 November 2023 for the response to the SPO Request (“Veseli Response”); and (ii) given that the matters are interrelated and ought to be considered together, it requests permission to file these submissions in one filing to be submitted on 8 November 2023.

¹ F01871, Specialist Counsel, *Veseli Defence Request for Admission of Items Used During the Cross-Examination of W04769*, 19 October 2023, confidential, with Annexes 1-3, confidential.

² F01892, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Submissions on Admissibility of Items Following W04769’s Testimony*, 27 October 2023, confidential.

³ SPO Submissions, paras 1-2, 3-20, 27. *See also* Transcript of Hearing, 17 October 2023, p. 9038, lines 7-10, and p. 9067, lines 15-19.

⁴ SPO Submissions, paras 1-2, 21-25, 27.

⁵ CRSPD351, *Email from CMU to the Trial Panel on Veseli Defence Urgent Request for an Extension of Time to Reply to F01982* (“CRSPD351”), 3 November 2023, confidential.

4. On 3 November 2023, the SPO indicated that it would not oppose the Extension of Time Request.⁶

II. DISCUSSION

5. The Panel finds that the Veseli Defence has demonstrated good cause, as required under Rule 9(5)(a), for an extension of time to reply to the SPO Response, given that the matters likely to be addressed in the Veseli Reply and the Veseli Response (the latter being due on 8 November 2023) are interrelated. The Panel also notes that the SPO does not oppose the Extension of Time Request.

6. In light of the above, the Panel grants an extension of time for the Veseli Reply until **Wednesday, 8 November 2023, at 4 pm.**

III. DISPOSITION

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

- a. **GRANTS** the Extension of Time Request; and
- b. **EXTENDS** the time limit for the Veseli Reply to **Wednesday, 8 November 2023, at 4 pm.**



Judge Charles L. Smith, III
Presiding Judge

Dated this Friday, 3 November 2023
At The Hague, the Netherlands.

⁶ CRSPD351.