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

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- 1. As already communicated *inter partes*,¹ the SPO has decided not to call W01493 during the 30 October to 16 November 2023 evidentiary block, as previously indicated in the Request.² As noted,³ this testimony date was provisional and dependant on the outcome of the Request and scheduling and logistical matters relating to this and other witnesses. In accordance with relevant deadlines,⁴ the SPO will confirm W01493's anticipated testimony dates as soon as possible after a decision on the Request and related practical arrangements have been made.⁵
- 2. For the reasons given previously, including the health, well-being, and security of W01493, video-conference is conducive to the witness's ability to give truthful and complete testimony. The Request should be granted.
- 3. This filing is confidential in accordance with Rule 82(4) of the Rules.⁶

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At The Hague, the Netherlands.

¹ Email from SPO to Panel, Parties, and participants dated 18 October 2023 at 16.32 (notifying the witnesses the SPO intends to call between 30 October and 16 November 2023).

² Prosecution request for the video-conference testimony of W01493, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01859, 16 October 2023, Strictly Confidential and *Ex Parte* ('Request'), paras 2, 4. A confidential redacted version of the Request was filed on the same day (KSC-BC-2020-06/F01859/CONF/RED).

³ Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01859, fn.5, para.4.

⁴ Order on the Conduct of Proceedings, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01226/A01, 25 January 2023, paras 77-78, 80.

⁵ While the [REDACTED] authorities have confirmed their willingness to facilitate video-conference testimony, they have also indicated that they are unable to confirm the feasibility of specific dates before receiving a formal request from the Registry. *See* Request, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01859, fn.4. *See also* Decision on Prosecution Request for Video-Conference Testimony for W04448 and Related Matters, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01851, 11 October 2023, Confidential, para.16 (emphasising that a request for video-conference testimony must be made sufficiently in advance to permit adequate time for the Defence to respond, the Panel to assess the merits of the request, and for the Registry to make necessary logistical arrangements).

⁶ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').