

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 Guénaël Mettraux
Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Counsel for Rexhep Selimi

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**Urgent Selimi Defence Request for Word Count Extension for Request for
Certification to Appeal F01917**

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1. The Selimi Defence (“the Defence”) will file a request for certification to appeal the Trial Panel’s Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused’s Statements (“the Decision”)¹ by the 27th of November 2023, pursuant to the Trial Panel’s Oral Order of 13 November 2023.² Pursuant to Article 36(1) of the Practice Direction,³ the Defence respectfully requests an extension of 2,000 words to a total of 5,000 words for the filing in question.

2. In light of the fact that (i) the Decision spans almost 120 pages, more than a quarter of which concern exclusively evidence related to Mr. Selimi; and (ii) the Decision addresses intricate questions of law and fact of particular importance to the present proceedings, good cause exists for the requested word extension. The Defence has further consulted with the SPO *inter partes*, who noted that it “would not oppose a reasonable and justified extension.” A 2,000 words extension is a reasonable and limited extension considering the significance and complexity of the issues underlying the request.

Word count: 221

Respectfully submitted on 23 November 2023,

¹ KSC-BC-2020-06/F01917, Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Accused’s Statements, 9 November 2023.

² Order on Selimi Defence request for extension of time to file request for certification to appeal F01917, 13 November 2023, Transcript pages 9823-9824; 9881.

³ Practice Direction on Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-15, 17 May 2019.



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