



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

In: KSC-BC-2023-11
The Specialist Prosecutor v. Haxhi Shala

Before: Pre-Trial Judge
Judge Nicolas Guillou

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Notification of Assignment of Duty Counsel to Haxhi Shala

with one confidential Annex

Specialist Prosecutor

Kimberly P. West

Registry

Head of Defence Office

1. Following the reception of Mr Haxhi Shala ('Mr Shala') in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers, the Registrar hereby informs the Pre-Trial Judge of the assignment of Mr Laurens Van Puyenbroeck ('Mr Van Puyenbroeck') as Duty Counsel to Mr Haxhi Shala ('Mr Shala').
2. Pursuant to Article 21(5)(a) of the Law¹ and Rule 26 of the Rules,² pending the appointment or assignment of Counsel, the Registrar has assigned, on 11 December 2023, Mr Van Puyenbroeck as Duty Counsel to Mr Shala,³ in accordance with Section 17(2) of the Directive on Counsel and Regulation 21 of the Legal Aid Regulations.⁴
3. Mr Van Puyenbroeck is admitted to the List of Counsel pursuant to Section 7(3) of the Directive on Counsel and continues to meet the requirements of Section 5 of the Directive on Counsel.⁵
4. The submission is filed as strictly confidential and *ex parte* pursuant to Rule 82(4) of the Rules. The Registrar does not object to the reclassification of this filing as public, once the arrest and transfer of Mr Shala have been rendered public. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, Annex 1 is submitted as confidential and should retain its classification, as it contains personal details of Duty Counsel.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Tuesday, 12 December 2023

At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹ Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, Law No. 05/L-053, 3 August 2015 ('Law').

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

³ See Annex 1, confidential.

⁴ Legal Aid Regulations, KSC-BD-25, 3 September 2020.

⁵ See Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04-Rev1, 28 April 2021, public; see also Decision on Admission to the Lists of Counsel, KSC/REG/DEF-VPO/0030, 25 October 2018.