



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
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SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

In: KSC-BC-2020-06
**The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli,
Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi**

Before: **Trial Panel II**
Judge Charles Smith III, Presiding
Judge Christoph Barthe
Judge Guénaël Mettraux
Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

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**Public Redacted Version of “WPSO Submission on [REDACTED]’s Request for
Protective Measures”**

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1. Pursuant to Article 23 of the Law¹ and Rule 80(1) of the Rules², the Registry's Witness Protection and Support Office ('WPSO') hereby transmits to Trial Panel II a request for protective measures made by witness [REDACTED] during his preparation and court familiarisation in advance of his scheduled testimony on [REDACTED] 2023.
2. On [REDACTED] 2023, pursuant to the Registry's internal regulations on services to witnesses appearing before the Specialist Chambers ('SC'),³ WPSO conducted a pre-testimony security interview with witness [REDACTED], prior to his courtroom familiarisation.
3. During this pre-testimony security interview, the witness indicated that he does not have fears for his personal safety, and is keen to testify in public. However, he did raise a concern around [REDACTED], who according to the witness began [REDACTED]. According to the witness, the [REDACTED] is located in [REDACTED] and while the witness is not concerned about [REDACTED] safety directly, [REDACTED] nonetheless raised concerns about [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is concerned that if he testifies in public without any protective measures, [REDACTED].
4. In support of the above, [REDACTED] gave the following additional explanations:
 - a. [REDACTED];
 - b. [REDACTED];
 - c. [REDACTED].

5. [REDACTED] was informed about the role, rights and obligation of witnesses in the proceedings, including the right to request protective measures. Having received explanations about protective measures subject to a decision by the Panel, the witness

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 Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').

³ Registry Guidelines on Services to Witnesses Appearing Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-42/Rev2, 7 October 2022, Section 17(3) LIMITE.

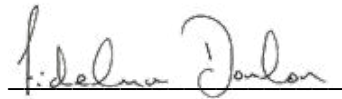
stated that he remained willing and eager to testify publicly, but that he would like to request limited protective measures in the form of a pseudonym and non-disclosure to the public of any records identifying the witness [REDACTED], for the reasons stated above.

6. If the witness's request is granted, WPSO recommends that the Panel also order non-disclosure to the public of the [REDACTED].

7. [REDACTED],⁴ [REDACTED]. However, the specific circumstances giving rise to the witness's concerns [REDACTED] had not yet materialized at that time.⁵

8. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, this submission is filed as strictly confidential and *ex parte*, as it contains sensitive information related to the witness. A confidential redacted version will be filed shortly.

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⁴ [REDACTED].

⁵ See para. 3 above.