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In: KSC-SC-2024-02

The Prosecutor v. Salih Mustafa

Before: A Panel of the Supreme Court Chamber

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Presiding Judge

Judge Christine van den Wyngaert

Judge Daniel Fransen

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Information Additional to Notification of Approval of Counsel for Salih Mustafa

with two confidential and ex parte Annexes

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- 1. On 11 January 2024, the Registrar notified the President¹ of the approval, on 3 January 2024, of Ms Venkateswari Alagendra ('Ms Alagendra') as Counsel for Mr Salih Mustafa ('Mr Mustafa'), pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules.²
- 2. Further to this notification, the Registrar notes that Ms Alagendra is currently also appointed as Counsel for Mr Jakup Krasniqi ('Mr Krasniqi') in Case KSC-BC-2020-06.³
- 3. Accordingly, on 2 January 2024, Ms Alagendra provided the Defence Office with two signed and dated consent forms, from both her current client, Mr Krasniqi,⁴ and her prospective client, Mr Mustafa.⁵ In this regard, the Registrar draws the Panel's attention to Articles 4(b)(1) and 28(3)(b) of the Code of Professional Conduct of Counsel.⁶
- 4. This submission is filed as public, whereas, pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, Annexes 1 and 2 are filed confidentially and *ex parte*. Although the fact that consent has been given is a matter of public record, the Registry assesses that the forms themselves should remain confidential and *ex parte*, as they relate to confidential communications between Counsel and her clients.

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¹ KSC-CA-2023-02, F00041, Notification of Approval of Counsel for Salih Mustafa, 11 January 2024, public. This notification was filed before the President of the Specialist Chambers, in case file KSC-CA-2023-02. In the meantime, a new case file has been created in connection with Mr Mustafa (namely KSC-SC-2024-02), and the President has assigned a Supreme Court Panel thereto. *See* KSC-SC-2024-02, F00003, Decision Assigning a Supreme Court Panel, 17 January 2024, public. Accordingly, the Registrar now files this additional information before the Supreme Court Panel.

² Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules'); *see also* Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, 3 August 2015, Articles 21(4), 21(5), 34(7) and 41(4)(b).

³ KSC-BC-2020-06, F00058, Notification of Approval of Counsel for Mr Jakup Krasniqi, 6 November 2020, public.

⁴ Annex 1 Consent Form, Jakup Krasniqi, 29 December 2023, confidential and *ex parte*.

⁵ Annex 2, Consent Form, Salih Mustafa, 30 December 2023, confidential and *ex parte*. *See also* KSC-SC-2024-02, F00001, Mustafa Urgent Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Request for Protection of Legality, 15 January 2024, public, para. 12 (it is noted that the dates of the consent forms cited in this filing are incorrect).

⁶ Code of Professional Conduct of Counsel and Prosecutors Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-07-Rev1, 28 April 2021, public.

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