



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
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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 Guénaél Mettreaux
Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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**Notification of Letter with Additional Information Regarding
Request for Early Termination of Representation
with one confidential and *ex parte* Annex**

Registry
Registrar

Counsel for Hashim Thaçi
Gregory Kehoe

1. On 19 January 2024, the Registrar notified the Trial Panel of a letter which Mr Hashim Thaçi ('Mr Thaçi') addressed to Trial Panel II and which concerned the withdrawal of Mr Gregory Kehoe ('Mr Kehoe') as his Counsel.¹
2. Subsequently, on 19 January 2024, Mr Kehoe filed before the Trial Panel a motion to withdraw as Counsel for Mr Thaçi (together with one Co-Counsel, three Legal Associates and five Support Team Members).²
3. On 26 January 2024, the Registrar filed additional submissions before the Trial Panel, *inter alia* informing the Panel that she had sought further information from Mr Kehoe, Mr Thaçi and Kosovo's Ministry to Justice with regard to Mr Kehoe's requests.³
4. On 29 January 2029, the Registrar informed the Trial Panel of a response letter from Mr Kehoe, in which he provided further information and clarifications.⁴ The Registrar also, *inter alia*, requested the Trial Panel to seek confirmation from Mr Thaçi and his Co-Counsel, Mr Luka Mišetić, about Mr Thaçi's representation by Counsel going forward.⁵
5. On 30 January 2024, the Trial Panel decided to hold an *ex parte* hearing on the afternoon of the following day, to discuss the issue of Mr Thaçi's legal representation.⁶

¹ KSC-BC-2020-06, F02068, Notification from Hashim Thaçi to the Trial Panel and Request for Approval of Termination of Representation by Counsel with one confidential Annex, 19 January 2024, confidential.

² KSC-BC-2020-06, F02069, Motion to Withdraw By Lead Counsel for Hashim Thaçi, 19 January 2024, public.

³ KSC-BC-2020-06, F02079, Additional Registrar's Submissions Concerning the Termination of Representation by Counsel and Other Defence Team Members with three confidential and *ex parte* Annexes, 26 January 2024, confidential ('Registrar's Submissions'), paras 3, 8, 16.

⁴ KSC-BC-2020-06, F02088, Notification of Letter with Additional information from Counsel Requesting Early Termination with one confidential and *ex parte* Annex, 29 January 2024, confidential and *ex parte* ('Registrar's Notification of Letter'), para. 4.

⁵ Registrar's Notification of Letter, para. 7.

⁶ Transcript, 30 January 2024, pp. 12134-12135.

6. Subsequently, on 30 January 2024, the Registry received an e-mail response to the letter sent to Kosovo's Ministry of Justice. The Registrar hereby informs the Trial Panel, Mr Thaçi and his Defence team of this e-mail, which is annexed to this filing.⁷

7. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules,⁸ the Registrar submits that this filing and its Annex are classified as confidential and *ex parte* because they contain information on the financing of Mr Thaçi legal representation.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands

⁷ Annex 1, confidential and *ex parte*.

⁸ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BC-03/Rev3, 2 June 2020, public ('Rules').