

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

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Notification of Approval and Termination of Co-Counsel for Mr Hashim Thaçi

with two confidential Annexes

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- 1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules,¹ the Registrar hereby informs the Trial Panel of the approval of Ms Nina Tavakoli ('Ms Tavakoli') as Co-Counsel for Mr Hashim Thaçi ('Mr Thaçi'), and, pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules and Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel,² informs the Trial Panel of the termination of Mr Albert Moskowitz's ('Mr Moskowitz') appointment as Co-Counsel for Mr Thaçi.
- 2. On 4 March 2024, Counsel for Mr Thaçi, Mr Luka Mišetić ('Mr Mišetić'), informed the Registrar that he would like to be assisted by Ms Tavakoli as Co-Counsel. Ms Tavakoli had been a Consultant in Mr Thaçi's Defence Team. All relevant documentation pursuant to Section 18 of the Directive on Counsel was provide to that end. Furthermore, Mr Mišetić informed the Registrar that Mr Moskowitz, who had been a Co-Counsel in Mr Thaçi's Defence Team, had elected to move to the role of Consultant within the team.
- 3. Ms Tavakoli is admitted to the List of Counsel pursuant to Sections 7(3) and 18(1) of the Directive on Counsel.³
- 4. On 11 March 2024, the Registrar approved Ms Tavakoli as Co-Counsel to Mr Thaçi, in accordance with Section 18 of the Directive on Counsel.⁴
- 5. On 14 March 2024, the Registrar concluded that, based on the information regarding the change of roles between Ms Tavakoli and Mr Moskowitz, Mr Mišetić had demonstrated that terminating Mr Moskowitz's services as Co-Counsel, and subsequently contracting him as a Consultant, may be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interests of Mr Thaçi and the duration of the proceedings. The

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¹ 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, arts 21(4), 21(5), 34(7) and 41(4)(b).

² Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04/Rev1/2021, 28 April 2021.

³ Decision on Admission to the List of Specialist Counsel, KSC/REG/DEF/0039, 2 May 2018.

⁴ See Annex 1, Letter of Approval, Selection of a Team Member, KSC/REG/IOR/6846, 11 March 2024, confidential.

Registrar therefore confirmed the termination of Mr Moskowitz's contract as Co-Counsel for Mr Thaçi, in accordance with Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel.⁵

6. This submission is filed as public, whereas Annexes 1 and 2 are filed confidentially pursuant to Rule 82(1)(b) and (3) of the Rules, as they contain personal information concerning Counsel and Co-Counsel.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Thursday, 14 March 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands

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⁵ See Annex 2, Letter of Approval, Selection of a Team Member, KSC/REG/IOR/6847, 14 March 2024, confidential.