

Case No.: KSC-BC-2020-04
Specialist Prosecutor v. Pjetër Shala

Before: **Trial Panel I**
Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia, Presiding Judge
Judge Roland Dekkers
Judge Gilbert Bitti
Judge Vladimir Mikula, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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THE SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR
v.
PJETËR SHALA

Defence Submissions on the Estimated Time Sought for its Closing Statement

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1. On 9 February 2024, the Trial Panel ordered the Parties and Victims' Counsel to make submissions on the estimated time they seek for their respective closing statements, including a breakdown of the time needed to address issues concerning the guilt or innocence of the Accused, sentencing, and reparations.¹
2. Pursuant to this Order, the Defence hereby submits the following estimations.
3. The Defence estimates that it will need approximately 3 to 3.5 hours for its closing statement. The time is divided into (i) around 2.5 to 3 hours to address issues on the guilt or innocence of the Accused and (ii) around 30 minutes on sentencing and reparations. These estimates are without prejudice to any submissions that might become necessary for the Defence to make in response to the Prosecution's Final Trial Brief, and the Victims' Counsel's Impact Statement as well as the Prosecution's and Victims' Counsel's oral submissions in court.

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Respectfully submitted,



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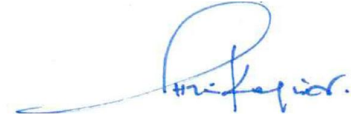
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¹ KSC-BC-2020-04, F00795, Decision on the Defence motion for a crime site visit, closing the evidentiary proceedings and giving directions on final briefs, request for reparations and closing statements, 9 February 2024 (confidential), para. 48.



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