

In: KSC-BC-2020-06

The Specialist 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: Fidelma Donlon

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Decision on Selimi Defence Request for Extension of Time to Respond to F02195, F02196, and F02204

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TRIAL PANEL II ("Panel"), pursuant to Article 40(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office and Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby renders this order.

I. SUBMISSIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. On 28 March 2024, the Defence for Rexhep Selimi ("Defence") requested an extension of time to respond to filings F02195, F02196, and F02204 ("Request").
- 2. More specifically, the Defence requested authorisation to respond: (i) on 8 April 2024, in relation to the first ten witnesses listed as well as the reserve witnesses listed in F02195; (ii) on 26 April 2024, in relation to the remaining witnesses listed in F02195; (iii) on 8 April 2024, in relation to the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") Rule 154 Motion (F02196); and (iv) on 26 April 2024, in relation to the SPO's Rule 154 Motion (F02204). Given that 26 April 2024 is an official holiday, the Panel understands the Defence to request an extension until 29 April 2024 in relation to the remaining witnesses listed in F02195 and in relation to the SPO's Rule 154 Motion (F02204).
- 3. The Panel notes that there is no objection to the Request. The Panel is satisfied that, given the number of witnesses concerned, there is good cause for the extension of time sought pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a).
- 4. The Panel therefore grants the Request.

II. DISPOSITION

5. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:

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¹ Provisional Transcript, 28 March 2024, p. 199, lines 2-21.

- a. GRANTS the Request; and
- b. **EXTENDS** the time limit for any responses to F02195, F02196, and F02204 in the manner set out in paragraph 2, above.

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Judge Charles L. Smith, III
Presiding Judge

Dated this Thursday, 28 March 2024 At The Hague, the Netherlands.