



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

In: KSC-CA-2026-04

Before: A Panel of the Court of Appeals Chamber
Judge Michèle Picard
Judge Kai Ambos
Judge Nina Jørgensen

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

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**Public Redacted Version of Decision on Requests for Extension of Time to File
Notice of Appeal and Directions on Requirements for Filings Before the Court of
Appeals Chamber**

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THE PANEL OF THE COURT OF APPEALS CHAMBER of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Court of Appeals Panel”, “Appeals Panel” or “Panel”, respectively),¹ acting pursuant to Article 33(1)(c) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”) and Rule 172 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”) is seised of a joint motion filed on 22 September 2026 by Mr Hashim Thaçi (“Thaçi”), Mr Kadri Veseli (“Veseli”), Mr Rexhep Selimi (“Selimi”) and Mr Jakup Krasniqi (“Krasniqi”) (collectively, “Accused” and “the Defence”, and “Defence Request”).² The Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“SPO”) responded on 23 September 2026 (“SPO Response”).³

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 16 September 2026, the Trial Panel issued the Trial Judgment⁴ against Thaçi, Veseli, Selimi and Krasniqi, convicting the Accused of the war crimes of illegal or arbitrary arrest and detention (Count 3), cruel treatment (Count 5), torture (Count 7) and murder (Count 9) and finding them not guilty of the crimes against humanity of persecution, imprisonment, other inhumane acts, torture, murder and enforced disappearance of persons (respectively, Counts 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10).⁵ The Trial Panel sentenced respectively Thaçi to a single sentence of 25 years of imprisonment, Veseli to a single sentence of 18 years of imprisonment, Selimi to a single sentence of 13 years of imprisonment and Krasniqi to a single sentence of 25 years of imprisonment, with credit for the time served.⁶

¹ F00002, Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel, 22 September 2026 (confidential, reclassified as public on 29 September 2026).

² F00001, Joint Defence Request for Extension of Time to File a Notice of Appeal against the Trial Judgment, 22 September 2026 (confidential) (“Defence Request”).

³ F00003, Prosecution response to joint Defence request for extension of time to file notice of appeal, 23 September 2026 (confidential) (“SPO Response”).

⁴ KSC-BC-2020-06, F03782, Trial Judgment, 16 September 2026 (confidential) (“Trial Judgment”).

⁵ Trial Judgment, para. 4763.

⁶ Trial Judgment, para. 4763.

2. On 22 September 2026, the Defence submitted a request seeking an extension of time until 15 December 2026 to submit a notice of appeal against the Trial Judgment.⁷

II. PUBLIC FILINGS

3. The Appeals Panel notes that the Defence Request was filed confidentially pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules and that the Defence intends to file a public redacted version in due course.⁸ The Panel further notes that the SPO Response was filed confidentially pursuant to Rule 82(4) of the Rules and that the SPO requests its reclassification as public.⁹ The Panel recalls that all submissions filed before the Specialist Chambers shall be public unless there are exceptional reasons for keeping them confidential, and that Parties shall file public redacted versions of all submissions filed before the Panel.¹⁰ The Panel therefore (i) orders the Defence to file a public redacted version of the Defence Request within ten days of receiving notification of the present Decision; and (ii) grants the SPO's request and orders that the SPO Response be reclassified as public.

III. DISCUSSION

A. REQUEST FOR VARIATION OF TIME LIMIT

4. The Defence requests an extension until 15 December 2026 for the filing of the notice of appeal against the Trial Judgment.¹¹ In support, the Defence first submits that

⁷ Defence Request, paras 1, 29.

⁸ Defence Request, para. 4. The Panel further notes that the Trial Judgment was filed confidentially. However, it was pronounced in public, and a public redacted version thereof will be subsequently filed. See Trial Judgment, para. 4757.

⁹ SPO Response, para. 5.

¹⁰ See e.g. KSC-BC-2020-06, IA008/F00004/RED, Public Redacted Version of Decision on Kadri Veseli's Appeal Against Decision on Review of Detention, 1 October 2021 (confidential version filed on 1 October 2021), paras 8-9. See also KSC-CA-2022-01, F00103, Decision on Gucati Application for Reclassification or Public Redacted Versions of Court of Appeals Panel Decisions, 9 January 2023, para. 2.

¹¹ Defence Request, paras 1, 29. The Defence also indicates that it may need to request an extension of the word limit for the notice of appeal. See Defence Request, para. 28.

the unprecedented length and complexity of the Trial Judgment constitutes good cause for the requested extension of time.¹² Second, the Defence contends that the [REDACTED].¹³ The Defence further points to the concurrent time-limits it faces due to the ongoing reparations proceedings.¹⁴ In addition, in the Defence's view, the lack of an Albanian translation of the Trial Judgment and the Accused's inability to read the Trial Judgment in English constitutes another challenge militating in favour of granting the requested extension.¹⁵ More specifically, while acknowledging that the determination of potential grounds of appeal falls primarily within the purview of Defence Counsel,¹⁶ the Defence claims that Defence Counsel's ethical obligations require them to seek and receive instructions from the Accused for each step of the proceedings, and that they are necessarily premised on the Accused's need to have access to the Trial Judgment in a language they can understand.¹⁷ As a result, the Defence argues that it is forced to allocate significant resources to this translation exercise, impacting its ability to prepare the notice of appeal.¹⁸ Finally, the Defence submits that the requested extension is not prejudicial to the Parties and does not impact the expeditiousness or the fairness of the proceedings.¹⁹

5. The SPO responds that it does not object to the "timely, reasonable, and justified" extension of time sought in the Defence Request.²⁰ The SPO further requests the same extension of time for any notice of appeal filed by the SPO.²¹ The SPO points out that (i) the unprecedented length and complexity of the proceedings and of the Trial Judgment; (ii) the concurrent deadlines faced by the Parties relating to

¹² Defence Request, paras 7-13. See also Defence Request, para. 2.

¹³ Defence Request, paras 14-17. See also Defence Request, para. 2.

¹⁴ Defence Request, para. 18. See also Defence Request, para. 2.

¹⁵ Defence Request, paras 19-24. See also Defence Request, para. 2.

¹⁶ Defence Request, paras 20, 23.

¹⁷ Defence Request, paras 20-23.

¹⁸ Defence Request, para. 24. See also Defence Request, para. 2.

¹⁹ Defence Request, paras 25-27. See also Defence Request, para. 2. The Defence adds that it does not object to the same extension of time being granted to the other Parties should they decide to file a notice of appeal against the Trial Judgment. See Defence Request, paras 3, 27.

²⁰ SPO Response, para. 1. See also SPO Response, para. 3.

²¹ SPO Response, para. 1.

reparations and Judgment-redaction review; and (iii) the need to ensure sufficient time to prepare meaningful notices of appeal, to maintain a synchronised briefing schedule and to facilitate effective case management constitute good cause for extending the deadline to file notices of appeal to 15 December 2026.²²

6. The Panel recalls that, pursuant to Rule 176(2) of the Rules, a Party seeking to appeal a judgment of conviction shall file a notice of appeal setting forth the grounds of appeal within 30 days of the written sentencing judgment. The Panel may, *proprio motu* or upon a showing of good cause, extend or reduce any time limit prescribed by the Rules or set by the Panel.²³ In the present case, the Trial Judgment was pronounced on 16 September 2026 and its confidential version written in English was made available to the Parties on the same day. As the working language of these proceedings is English, the time limit for filing notices of appeal commences on the first working day after a trial judgment has been issued in English.²⁴ Any notices of appeal in this case are therefore due on 16 October 2026.

7. Turning first to the Defence's arguments regarding the need to receive the Trial Judgment in Albanian prior to filing a notice of appeal,²⁵ the Panel recalls that, as acknowledged by the Defence, the determination and formulation of potential grounds of appeal falls primarily within the purview of Defence Counsel.²⁶ In that

²² SPO Response, paras 2-4.

²³ Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules.

²⁴ KSC-CA-2024-03, F00006, Decision on Defence Motion for Variation of Time Limit to File Notice of Appeal, 24 July 2024 ("*Shala* Decision on Extension of Time"), para. 3; KSC-CA-2023-02, F00004, Decision on Defence Motion for Variation of Time Limit to File Notice of Appeal, 9 January 2023 ("*Mustafa* Decision on Extension of Time"), para. 2; KSC-CA-2022-01, F00005, Decision on Haradinaj's Request for Clarification on Appeal Timescale, 25 May 2022 ("*Haradinaj* Decision on Appeal Timescale"), para. 3. See KSC-BC-2020-06, F00072, Decision on Working Language, 11 November 2020, paras 8, 26(a); KSC-BC-2020-06, F01226/A01, Annex 1 to Order on the Conduct of Proceedings, 25 January 2023, para. 9. See also F00004, Decision on Working Language, 29 September 2026.

²⁵ See Defence Request, paras 19-24.

²⁶ See *Haradinaj* Decision on Appeal Timescale, para. 4 and jurisprudence cited therein. See also *Mustafa* Decision on Extension of Time, para. 3; *Shala* Decision on Extension of Time, para. 4; KSC-CA-2024-03, F00009, Decision on Defence Further Request for Variation of Time Limit to File Notice of Appeal, 8 August 2024 ("*Shala* Further Decision on Extension of Time"), para. 5.

regard, the Panel is of the view that Counsel are already in a position to discuss the content of the Trial Judgment with the Accused and to advise them as to potential grounds of appeal in full compliance with their ethical obligations as per the Code of Conduct.²⁷ The Panel recalls that in cases before international criminal courts where trial judgments were issued in a language which the accused did not understand, an extension of time for the filing of a notice of appeal was generally not warranted where the convicted person's counsel could work in the language in which the trial judgment was pronounced.²⁸

8. Moreover, the Panel recalls that, pursuant to Rule 176(3) of the Rules, it may, if good cause is shown, authorise a variation of the grounds of appeal.²⁹ Consequently, the Parties will have the opportunity, if they so wish, to request a variation of their grounds of appeal after having read the Albanian translation of the Trial Judgment, provided that they show good cause under this Rule.³⁰

9. As a result, and while the Panel recognises the importance of the Accused's right to receive the Trial Judgment in a language they understand,³¹ the Panel considers that the fairness of the proceedings at this stage will not be negatively impacted by the unavailability of the Albanian translation of the Trial Judgment.³² That being said, the Appeals Panel considers it appropriate to instruct the Registry to report on the translation of the Trial Judgment into Albanian to the Appeals Panel

²⁷ See *Haradinaj* Decision on Appeal Timescale, para. 4; *Shala* Decision on Extension of Time, para. 4. See also KSC-BD-07-Rev1, Registry Practice Direction, Code of Professional Conduct – for Counsel and Prosecutors Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, 28 April 2021 (“Code of Conduct”), Articles 24(1)(e), (2).

²⁸ See *Haradinaj* Decision on Appeal Timescale, para. 4 and jurisprudence cited therein. See also *Shala* Decision on Extension of Time, para. 4.

²⁹ See below, paras 18-19.

³⁰ See *Haradinaj* Decision on Appeal Timescale, para. 5; *Mustafa* Decision on Extension of Time, para. 3; *Shala* Decision on Extension of Time, para. 5.

³¹ See Defence Request, paras 19, 22.

³² See *Haradinaj* Decision on Appeal Timescale, para. 6. See also *Mustafa* Decision on Extension of Time, para. 3; *Shala* Decision on Extension of Time, para. 6; *Shala* Further Decision on Extension of Time, para. 6.

within 10 days of the filing of the present Decision and to provide the expected dates when the preliminary unrevised translation and the finalised official translation of the Trial Judgment will be available. The Panel also notes that any progress on this matter will be further discussed at the pre-appeal conference.³³

10. As to the Defence's claim concerning [REDACTED],³⁴ while the Panel acknowledges [REDACTED], it however notes that [REDACTED] and therefore considers that this issue is moot.³⁵

11. Turning next to arguments relating to the length and complexity of the Trial Judgment,³⁶ the Panel observes that the Trial Panel convicted the Accused for four counts in relation to numerous crime sites and individual incidents committed on the territory of 16 municipalities across six KLA operational zones in Kosovo as well as in certain parts of Northern Albania between at least April 1998 and 20 June 1999 and affecting at least 385 individuals.³⁷ The Panel also notes the length of the Trial Judgment, namely 2089 pages – the longest judgment ever issued by the Specialist Chambers, and the significant complexity of this case, due notably to the scope of the Indictment and the leadership roles of the Accused asserted in the Indictment.³⁸ The Panel further notes that the Trial Panel already took note of the volume of evidence and the complexity of the proceedings in the present case.³⁹ These factors have

³³ Rule 178 of the Rules provides that the Presiding Judge shall convene a pre-appeal conference within 21 days of a notice of appeal.

³⁴ See Defence Request, paras 14-17.

³⁵ [REDACTED].

³⁶ See Defence Request, paras 7-13. See also SPO Response, para. 2.

³⁷ Trial Judgment, paras 4638, 4763.

³⁸ See KSC-BC-2020-06, F00999/A03, Annex 3 to Submission of confirmed amended Indictment, 30 September 2022 (a strictly confidential and *ex parte* version thereof was filed on 30 September 2022 and reclassified as confidential on 26 January 2023 (F00999/A01)); KSC-BC-2020-06, F01323/A01, Annex 1 to Prosecution further submissions pursuant to Decision F01229 with confidential Annex 1, 27 February 2023 (confidential, reclassified as public on 27 February 2023) ("Indictment").

³⁹ KSC-BC-2020-06, F03730, Order Extending the Deadline for the Pronouncement of the Trial Judgment, 5 May 2026, para. 6; KSC-BC-2020-06, F03757, Order Extending the Deadline for the Pronouncement of the Trial Judgment and Scheduling the Pronouncement of the Trial Judgment, 1 July 2026, para. 9; KSC-BC-2020-06, Summary of Trial Judgment in *Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi* (KSC-BC-2020-06), 16 September 2026, para. 21 (noting *inter alia*

previously been acknowledged as constituting good cause for varying the time limits of appellate filings, justifying a departure from the time limits specified in the Rules.⁴⁰

12. Finally, with respect to the arguments concerning concurrent time-limits,⁴¹ the Appeals Panel recalls that the existence of multiple competing deadlines may be a factor in granting extensions of time.⁴² In the present case, the Appeals Panel observes that on 16 September 2026, after issuing the Trial Judgment, the Trial Panel *inter alia* ordered the Parties to file any responses to Victims' Counsel request for reparations by 4 November 2026.⁴³ In addition, the Panel further notes that the Trial Panel also ordered the SPO to distribute a proposed redacted version of the Trial Judgment by 7 October 2026 and the Parties and Participants to engage in *inter partes* discussions on the proposed redactions by 19 October 2026.⁴⁴ The Panel acknowledges that these deadlines imposed on the Parties overlap with the timeline to file a notice of appeal against the Trial Judgment.

13. In light of the above and based on the length and complexity of the Trial Judgment and the competing deadlines faced by the Parties, the Appeals Panel finds that additional time would assist the Parties to prepare meaningful appellate submissions and is satisfied that good cause exists for granting a variation of the time

that the Trial Panel received the evidence of 273 witnesses and admitted 5,467 exhibits into evidence, and that the transcript of these proceedings was 29,238 pages in length). See also Defence Request, para. 9.

⁴⁰ See e.g. KSC-CA-2023-02, F00038/RED, Public Redacted Version of Decision on Defence Request for Extension of Time to File its Notice of Appeal Against the Reparation Order, 17 January 2025 (confidential version filed on 14 January 2025), para. 6; KSC-BC-2020-06, IA012/F00004, Decision on Thaçi's and Krasniqi's Requests for Variation of Time and Word Limits, 27 October 2021, para. 7; KSC-BC-2020-04, IA002/F00002, Decision on Shala's Request for Variation of Time Limit, 28 October 2021, para. 3.

⁴¹ See Defence Request, para. 18. See also SPO Response, para. 2.

⁴² See e.g. KSC-CA-2024-03, F00021, Decision on Defence Motion for Variation of Time and Word Limits to File Appeal Brief, 30 October 2024, para. 10; KSC-BC-2023-12, IA006&IA007, F00003, Decision on Thaçi Defence Requests for Variation of Time Limit for the Filing of Appeals, 28 July 2025, para. 5; KSC-BC-2020-06, IA036, IA037, IA038, IA040, F00009, Decision on Joint Defence Request for Extension of Time, 7 August 2025, para. 4.

⁴³ KSC-BC-2020-06, F03784/RED, Public Redacted Version of Order in Relation to Reparation Proceedings, 28 September 2026 (original version filed on 16 September 2026), paras 28, 30(h).

⁴⁴ Trial Judgment, paras 4757-4760, 4765.

limits for the filing of a notice of appeal. The Panel is further of the view that it is in the interests of justice to grant the same variation of the time limit to the SPO, considering that doing so will not unreasonably impact the overall expeditiousness of the proceedings in this case and that it is in the interests of effective case management to maintain a synchronised briefing schedule on appeal.⁴⁵

14. However, the Panel considers that the requested extension until 15 December 2026, which would triple the time frame provided in the Rules, is disproportionate in this instance. While the Panel appreciates that the Trial Judgment is significantly longer than those in the *Mustafa* and the *Shala* cases, the Panel does not consider that it warrants “a proportionately larger extension” in the present case.⁴⁶ Likewise, while the SPO is correct that extensions of time similar to the one requested have been granted at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia for the filing of notices of appeal in some complex multi-accused cases,⁴⁷ these decisions were made based on the specific circumstances of each case. The Panel is of the view that this does not automatically warrant granting the same amount of additional time in this case. In the present circumstances, the Panel finds that an extension of time amounting to an additional six weeks is appropriate. Accordingly, the Panel sets the time-limit for the filing of any notice of appeal by the Defence and the SPO to 27 November 2026. The Panel considers that such an extension of time will not unreasonably impact the overall expeditiousness of the proceedings.

⁴⁵ See SPO Response, para. 3.

⁴⁶ Contra Defence Request, para. 13.

⁴⁷ See SPO Response, para. 2, fn. 6. See also ICTY, *Prosecutor v. Milutinović et al.*, IT-05-87-A, Decision on Motions for Extension of Time to File Notices of Appeal, 23 March 2009, p. 4; ICTY, *Prosecutor v. Popović et al.*, IT-05-88-A, Decision on Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Notice of Appeal, 25 June 2010, p. 2; ICTY, *Prosecutor v. Prlić et al.*, IT-04-74-A, Decision on Motions for an Extension of Time to File Notices of Appeal and Other Relief, 21 June 2013, pp. 4-5.

B. DIRECTIONS ON REQUIREMENTS FOR FILINGS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS
CHAMBER

15. The Panel is mindful of the number of Accused in the present case and the related number of potential concurrent appeals. To ensure the smooth and efficient conduct of the appeal proceedings, the Appeals Panel takes the opportunity to remind the Parties and Participants of the requirements and procedures governing the submission of filings before the Court of Appeals Chamber. In this regard, the Panel emphasises that compliance with these formal requirements and guidelines will be strictly enforced. Consistent with its jurisprudence, the Appeals Panel will only consider filings and submissions that fail to comply with these established requirements under exceptional circumstances, where a party has demonstrated good cause for such departure, or where the interests of justice so require.

1. Standard of Review and Formal Requirements on Appeal

16. The Parties and Participants are expected to familiarise themselves with the relevant rules and practice directions governing appeals against judgment and sentence, including the time and word limits, the requirements regarding the structure and contents of filings in appellate proceedings,⁴⁸ as well as the specific standards of review and formal requirements for submissions on appeal set forth in the jurisprudence of the Court of Appeals Chamber.⁴⁹ Absent exceptional circumstances, non-compliance with these requirements will result in the rejection of a filing or summary dismissal of submissions.

⁴⁸ KSC-BD-15, Registry Practice Direction, Files and Filings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, 17 May 2019, Articles 47-53.

⁴⁹ KSC-CA-2022-01, F00114, Appeal Judgment, 2 February 2023 ("*Gucati and Haradinaj* Appeal Judgment"), paras 20-26, 29-32; KSC-CA-2023-02, F00038/RED, Public Redacted Version of Appeal Judgment, 14 December 2023 (confidential version filed on 14 December 2023) ("*Mustafa* Appeal Judgment"), paras 17-26, 29-33; KSC-CA-2024-03, F00069/RED, Public Redacted Version of Appeal Judgment, 14 July 2025 (confidential version filed on 14 July 2025) ("*Shala* Appeal Judgment"), paras 27-35, 38-42.

17. In particular, the Appeals Panel emphasises that its ability to assess a party's arguments depends on the latter presenting its case clearly, logically and exhaustively.⁵⁰ The Appeals Panel cannot be expected to consider a party's submissions if they are obscure, contradictory, vague, unsubstantiated or suffer from other formal and obvious insufficiencies.⁵¹ An appealing party must clearly identify the challenged findings and substantiate its arguments by providing precise references to relevant paragraphs in the impugned judgment or transcript pages of testimony to which a challenge is being made, and to the jurisprudence cited in support thereof.⁵² Furthermore, where a Party or Participant refers to exhibits or other authorities, they shall indicate precisely the date, exhibit number, page number and paragraph number of the text or exhibit to which it refers. Any abbreviations or designations used by the parties in their filings shall be uniform throughout. The Appeals Panel stresses that any ground of appeal that fails to comply with the formal requirements on appeal, and particularly the failure to provide reasoning or set forth a clear basis for an appeal, may be dismissed *in limine*.⁵³

2. Variation From Notice of Appeal

18. The Appeals Panel may decline to consider issues raised in an appeal brief or brief in reply which were not contained in the notice of appeal, unless a timely request for an amendment has been made and authorised by the Appeals Panel, in accordance with Rule 176(3) of the Rules.⁵⁴ Any request for a variation from the notice of appeal must be made in advance of the deadline for submission of the appeal brief for which a variation is requested.

⁵⁰ *Mustafa* Appeal Judgment, para. 29; *Shala* Appeal Judgment, para. 38.

⁵¹ *Mustafa* Appeal Judgment, para. 29; *Shala* Appeal Judgment, para. 38.

⁵² *Gucati and Haradinaj* Appeal Judgment, para. 29.

⁵³ See KSC-BC-2020-07, IA001/F00005, Decision on Hysni Gucati's Appeal on Matters Related to Arrest and Detention, 9 December 2020, para. 19.

⁵⁴ *Mustafa* Appeal Judgment, para. 31; *Shala* Appeal Judgment, para. 40.

19. In this regard, the Panel recalls that, pursuant to Rule 176(3) of the Rules, the Court of Appeals Panel may authorise a variation of the grounds of appeal where good cause is shown. In this context, “good cause” encompasses both good reason for including the new or amended grounds of appeal sought and good reason for why the new or amended grounds were not included (or were not correctly articulated) in the original notice of appeal.⁵⁵

20. Further to the above, the Appeals Panel reminds the Parties that the grounds of appeal and arguments of an appeal brief shall be set out and numbered in the same order as in the appellant’s notice of appeal, unless otherwise varied with leave of the Appeals Panel. Failure to do so warrants summary dismissal.⁵⁶

21. The Appeals Panel may also decline to consider issues raised in a notice of appeal that are not subsequently developed in an appeal brief. Generally, arguments made in a notice of appeal should be developed in the appeal brief, or they are deemed to have been “abandoned”.⁵⁷

IV. DISPOSITION

22. For these reasons, the Court of Appeals Panel:

GRANTS in part the Defence Request and the SPO Response;

⁵⁵ KSC-CA-2022-01, F00064/RED, Public Redacted Version of Decision on Defence Requests to Amend the Notices of Appeal Pursuant to Rule 176(3) of the Rules, 13 October 2022 (confidential version filed on 13 October 2022), para. 14.

⁵⁶ *Gucati and Haradinaj* Appeal Judgment, para. 30; *Mustafa* Appeal Judgment, para. 31.

⁵⁷ *Mustafa* Appeal Judgment, para. 32; *Shala* Appeal Judgment, para. 41.

AUTHORISES the Defence and the SPO to file their notices of appeal, if any, by Friday, 27 November 2026;

INSTRUCTS the Registry to report on the progress made on the translation of the Trial Judgment into Albanian, and its expected finalisation to the Appeals Panel within 10 days of the filing of the present Decision;

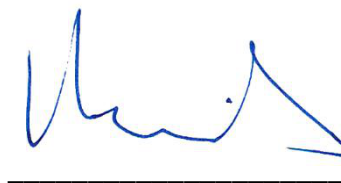
DIRECTS the Parties and Participants to comply with the formal requirements and guidelines governing the submission of filings in appeal proceedings, as set forth in paragraphs 15 to 21 of the present Decision;

DISMISSES the remainder of the Defence Request and the SPO Response;

ORDERS the Defence to submit a public redacted version of the Defence Request (F00001) within ten days of receiving notification of the present Decision;

ORDERS the reclassification of the SPO Response (F00003) as public, pursuant to Rule 82(5) of the Rules; and

INSTRUCTS the Registry to execute the reclassification as public of the SPO Response.



**Judge Michèle Picard,
Presiding Judge**

Dated this Tuesday, 29 September 2026

At The Hague, the Netherlands