



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

**In:** KSC-BC-2020-06  
**The Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi**

**Before:** Pre-Trial Judge  
Judge Nicolas Guillou

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

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**Notification of Withdrawal of Co-Counsel for Hashim Thaçi**

**with one confidential Annex**

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1. Pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules<sup>1</sup> and Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel,<sup>2</sup> the Registrar hereby informs the Pre-Trial Judge of the withdrawal of Mr Samuel Blom-Cooper ('Mr Blom-Cooper') as Co-Counsel for Mr Hashim Thaçi ('Mr Thaçi').
2. On 16 November 2021, upon request of Mr Thaçi's then Counsel, the Registrar had approved Mr Blom-Cooper as additional Co-Counsel for Mr Thaçi, in accordance with Section 18 of the Directive on Counsel.<sup>3</sup>
3. On 28 October 2021, Mr Gregory Kehoe, Counsel, informed the Defence Office that Mr Blom-Cooper has ceased his services as Co-Counsel for Mr Thaçi. Pursuant to Section 18(6) of the Directive on Counsel, Counsel further informed the Defence Office that the termination of Mr Blom-Cooper's contract would be accomplished without adverse effect on the interests of Mr Thaçi and the duration of the proceedings. The Defence Office notes in this regard that Counsel for Mr Thaçi continues to be assisted by four other Co-Counsel.<sup>4</sup>
4. On 1 November 2021, the Registrar accordingly approved Mr Blom-Cooper's withdrawal as Co-Counsel for Mr Thaçi.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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)(e), 21(5), 34(7) and 41(4)(b).

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

<sup>3</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00080, Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Hashim Thaçi, 16 November 2020, public.

<sup>4</sup> *See* F00066, Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Hashim Thaçi, 9 November 2020; F00086, Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Hashim Thaçi, 17 November 2020; F00114, Notification of Approval of Co-Counsel for Hashim Thaçi, 1 December 2020; F00324, Notification of Appointment of New Counsel for Hashim Thaçi and Approval of Co-Counsel, 27 May 2021.

<sup>5</sup> Annex 1.

5. This submission is filed as public, whereas Annex 1 is filed confidentially pursuant to Rule 82(1)(b) and (3) of the Rules, as it contains personal information concerning Counsel and Co-Counsel.

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**Dr Fidelma Donlon**  
**Registrar**

Tuesday, 2 November 2021  
At The Hague, the Netherlands