

File number: KSC-CC-2024-23

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

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Decision to Assign Judges to a Constitutional Court Panel

Judges of the Constitutional Court Panel:

Judge Vidar Stensland

Judge Roumen Nenkov

Judge Romina Incutti

Counsel for Sabit Januzi:

Jonathan Elystan Rees

Counsel for Ismet Bahtijari:

Felicity Gerry

Counsel for Haxi Shala:

Toby Cadman

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers ("President"), noting Article 33(3) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law") and Rules 3 and 4(2) of the Rules on the Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges ("Rules on Assignment"), herewith assigns a Constitutional Court Panel to rule on the "Referral by 1) Sabit Januzi, 2) Ismet Bahtijari and 3) Haxi Shala to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court Concerning the Constitutional Validity of KSC-BD-25/Rev1 (Revised Legal Aid Regulations)" ("Referral").1

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On 22 February 2024, the Registrar of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers adopted a revised Practice Direction on Legal Aid Regulations.²
- 2. On 2 April 2024, Messrs Sabit Januzi, Ismet Bahtijari and Haxi Shala filed the Referral.

II. ASSIGNMENT

- 3. Pursuant to Article 33(3) of the Law, upon a referral to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court ("SCCC"), the President shall assign the three Judges of the SCCC. Should one of these Judges not be available for assignment, the President shall assign the reserve constitutional Judge.
- 4. The President notes that one of the three Judges of the SCCC is not available for assignment. Accordingly, the President shall assign the reserve constitutional Judge, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the Law and Rules 3 and 4(2) of the Rules on

¹ KSC-CC-2024-23/F00001, Referral by 2) Sabit Januzi, 2) Ismet Bahtijari and 3) Haxi Shala to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court Concerning the Constitutional Validity of KSC-BD-25/Rev1(revised Legal Aid Regulations, 2 April 2024.

² KSC-BD-25/Rev1/2024, Registry Practice Direction: Legal Aid Regulations, 22 February 2024.

Assignment.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS

Judge Vidar Stensland

Judge Roumen Nenkov

Judge Romina Incutti

to the Constitutional Court Panel to rule on the Referral.

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

President of the Specialist Chambers

Dated this Friday, 5 April 2024 At The Hague, the Netherlands