

In: KSC-CC-PR-2017-01

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Dr. Fidelma Donlon

Date: 27 March 2017

File name: Referral of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence pursuant to Article 19 (5) of the Law

PUBLIC

DECISION

to Assign Judges to a Constitutional Court Panel of the Specialist Chambers

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (the "President"), acting pursuant to Article 33(3) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office (the "Law"), herewith assigns a Constitutional Court Panel (the "Panel") for the review of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the "Rules").

1. On 17 March 2017, the Rules were adopted by the Specialist Chambers Judges sitting in Plenary (the "Plenary"), except for the Judges of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court.

2. On 27 March 2017, the President, pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law, referred the Rules adopted by the Plenary to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court.¹

3. Article 33(3) of Law requires that, upon a referral to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, the President assign the three judges of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court as a Constitutional Court Panel. Should one of these Judges not be available for assignment, the reserve constitutional Judge shall instead be assigned.

4. Pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law, the Panel shall have up to thirty (30) days to review the Rules and make its determination. The Law does not provide for any extension of this period. Given this strict time limit, the presence of the reserve constitutional Judge during the deliberations appears necessary to ensure the continuity of the work of the Panel, in case of unavailability of one of the assigned Judges during the thirty-day period.

¹ Referral of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, President, File No. KSC-CC-PR-2017-01, 27 March 2017.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE PRESIDENT HEREBY

assigns the following Judges of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court to the Constitutional Court Panel to review the Rules of Procedure and Evidence in order to ensure their compliance with Chapter II, including Article 55, of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo:

> Judge Roland Dekkers Judge Ann Power-Forde Judge Vidar Stensland, and Judge Antonio Balsamo, as Reserve Judge.

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, President of the Specialist Chambers

Dated this Monday, 27 March 2017

At The Hague, The Netherlands.