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**RULES ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF
SPECIALIST CHAMBERS JUDGES
FROM THE ROSTER OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES**

(adopted on 14 March 2017)

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Rule 1

Purpose and Adoption

- (1) These Rules on Assignment regulate the assignment of Judges from the Roster of International Judges to Panels in specific proceedings pursuant to Article 33 of the Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('Law').
- (2) They are adopted pursuant to Article 25(3) of the Law by the Specialist Chambers Judges sitting in Plenary on 14 March 2017.

Rule 2

Use of Terms

The terms employed in the Rules shall have the meaning given to them in Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Specialist Chambers. The singular shall include the plural, and *vice versa*.

Rule 3

Assignment to Panels

- (1) Judges appointed to the Roster shall be assigned to Panels by the President, pursuant to Article 33 of the Law.
- (2) The President shall proceed with the assignment of Judges to Panels as soon as proceedings under Article 33 of the Law are triggered.
- (3) Judges shall keep the President informed about any engagement, activity or any other issue that may affect their future assignment to a Panel in specific proceedings.
- (4) The President shall issue a public decision on the assignment of Judges to a Panel, which shall set out the criteria for the assignment. This decision shall not be subject to judicial review.

Rule 4

Principles and Criteria of Assignment

- (1) The assignment of Judges shall be an objective and transparent process and shall ensure the efficient, effective and timely operation of the Specialist Chambers.
- (2) For the purposes of the assignment, the President shall be guided by objective criteria such as experience, expertise, seniority, gender and geographical representation, as well as by the preferences of individual Judges and their availability at the time of the commencement of specific proceedings.

- (3) Previous activities of a Judge that might cast doubt on his or her impartiality or affect the integrity of the specific proceedings shall be taken into account.

Rule 5

Inability of Judges to Perform Duties

In the event that a Judge, due to recusal, disqualification or other compelling reasons, is unable to take up his or her duties at the time of the assignment to a Panel or becomes unable to perform his or her duties at a later stage, the President shall substitute that Judge.

Rule 6

Publicity

The Rules on Assignment shall be made public.

Rule 7

Authentic Text

The English version of the Rules on Assignment shall be authoritative.

Rule 8

Entry into Force

The Rules on Assignment and any amendment thereto, as adopted by the Plenary, shall come into force on the day of their adoption.