



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

**File number:** KSC-CC-PR-2020-09

**Before:** **Presiding Judge of the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court**  
Judge Vidar Stensland

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 7 May 2020

**Language:** English

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

**Classification:** **Public**

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**Invocation of Change in Venue**  
**for the Referral of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure**  
**and Evidence**

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**President of the Specialist Chambers**  
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

1. On 29 and 30 April 2020, the Judges of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers sitting in plenary adopted amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (the “Rules”).<sup>1</sup> The Constitutional Judges did not participate in their adoption.
2. On 1 May 2020, the President of the Specialist Chambers referred to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court (the “Chamber”) the aforementioned amendments to the Rules pursuant to Article 19(5) of the Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (the “Law”).<sup>2</sup>
3. The same day, the President of the Specialist Chambers, pursuant to Article 33(3) of the Law, assigned a Constitutional Court Panel to review the amendments to the Rules, in order to ensure their compliance with Chapter II of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, including its Article 55.
4. Article 3(8)(c) of the Law provides that, for reasons of the proper administration of justice or security, the Presiding Judge of the Chamber may at his or her discretion invoke a change in venue to the Host State. The Presiding Judge considers that the proper administration of justice requires a change in venue of the present proceedings to the Host State, namely, the Netherlands.

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<sup>1</sup> KSC-CC-PR-2020-09, F00001, Referral of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, public with confidential annex, 1 May 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SPECIALIST CHAMBER  
OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

*Invokes* a change in venue to the Host State in respect of the present proceedings before  
the Chamber arising from the referral of amendments to the Rules.



**Judge Vidar Stensland**  
**Presiding Judge**

Done in English on Thursday, 7 May 2020  
At The Hague, the Netherlands