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RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Before:

Justice Renate Winter, President

Registrar:

Ms. Binta Mansaray

Date:

14 December 2016

PROSECUTOR

Against

ALLIEU KONDEWA

(Case No. RSCSL-04-14-ES)

PUBLIC

Decision of the President on Defence Office's Request for Extension of Time to Comply with the President's Decision on Allieu Kondewa's Eligibility for Consideration for Conditional Early Release

Office of the Prosecutor:

Ms. Brenda Hollis

Defence Office:

Mr. Ibrahim Sorie Yillah Mr. Melron Nicol-Wilson

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JUSTICE RENATE WINTER, PRESIDENT OF THE RESIDUAL SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE ("Residual Special Court")

SEIZED OF Allieu Musa Kondewa's ("Kondewa") Petition by Convicted Person to Establish Eligibility for Conditional Early Release filed on 22 September 2016 pursuant to Article 2 and Article 3 of the Practice Direction on the Conditional Early Release of Persons Convicted by the Special Court for Sierra Leone as revised on 2 December 2016 ("Application" and "Practice Direction" respectively);

CONSIDERING the finding in the President's Decision on Allieu Kondewa's Eligibility for Consideration for Conditional Early Release dated 2 December 2016 ("Decision") that Kondewa is eligible for consideration for conditional early release;

RECALLING the Order to the Registrar in the Decision to request Kondewa to provide the information required under Article 5(B) of the Practice Direction not later than 14 days from the date of the Decision, i.e. on or before 16 December 2016;

SEIZED of the Defence Office's Request for Extension of Time to Comply with the President's Order filed on 13 December 2016, seeking an extension of time to 15 January 2017 to comply;

NOTING the Defence submission that members of the communities in Kondewa's requested areas of release may be unavailable during the festive season for consultations to obtain information required to be submitted to the Registrar under Article 5 (B) of the Practice Direction in support of his application for conditional early release;

CONSIDERING that the information sought from members of these communities is relevant in determining Kondewa's application for conditional early release;

SATISFIED that an extension of time is therefore necessary in the circumstances;

GRANTS the request for extension of time and **ORDERS** that the Defence shall submit the information required under Article 5 (B) of the Practice Direction to the Registrar for onward transmission to the President not later than 15 January 2017.

Done at The Hague, The Netherlands

This 14 day of December 2016

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Justice Renate Winter President

