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## **DECISION TO ASSIGN COUNSEL TO CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR**

## THE PRINCIPAL DEFENDER

**CONSIDERING** the Statute of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone and in particular Article 23 thereof;

**CONSIDERING** the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as adopted by the plenary meeting of the Residual Special Court as amended on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017;

**CONSIDERING** the Directive on the Assignment of Counsel as adopted by the Registrar on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2003 and in particular Article 13 thereof;

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. Charles Ghankay Taylor a Special Court for Sierra Leone Convict is presently serving his jail term in HMP Frankland Prison, Durham in the United Kingdom pursuant to an Order of the Special Court for Sierra Leone dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013;

**CONSIDERING** that Charles Ghankay Taylor has informed the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone of his desire to appoint one Counsel of his choice namely Mr. ESSA M. FAAL from The Gambia;

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. FAAL has consented to represent Mr. Charles Ghankay Taylor pro bono by virtue of an agreement virtue of an agreement

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between Mr. Taylor and the within named Counsel to which the Residual Special Court is not a party;

**CONSIDERING** that the Principal Defender of the Residual Special Court may assign Counsel in the interests of justice, to represent a Convict;

**HEREBY DIRECTS** the assignment of Mr. ESSA M. FAAL as Counsel to Mr. Charles Ghankay Taylor as of the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Dated at Freetown this 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

Ibrahim Sorie Yillah

Principal Defender RSCSL.