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**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE**

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Before: Judge Bankole Thompson

Registry: Mr. Robin Vincent

Decision of: 07 March 2003

**THE PROSECUTOR**

**Against**

**ISSA HASSAN SESSAY also known as ISSA SESSAY**

CASE NO. SCSL-2003-05-I

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**DECISION APPROVING THE INDICTMENT  
and  
ORDER FOR NON-DISCLOSURE**

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The Office of the Prosecutor:

David Crane  
Brenda Hollis

**THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE (the Special Court),**

**SITTING AS** Judge Thompson, designated by the President of the Special Court according to Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("the Rules");

**HAVING RECEIVED** on 7 March 2003 from the Prosecutor the enclosed Indictment and a accompanying material, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules against ISSA HASSAN SESSAY also known as ISSA SESSAY, a citizen of Sierra Leone, born 27 June 1970 at

Freetown, Western District, Republic of Sierra Leone, thereby accused of Crimes against Humanity, violations of Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and of Additional Protocol II, and other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law;

**BEING SATISFIED** from the material tendered by the Prosecutor that there is sufficient evidence to provide reasonable grounds for believing that the suspect has committed crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court and that the allegations would, if proven, amount to the crimes specified and particularised in the said Indictment;

**HEREBY APPROVES**

the Indictment submitted by the Prosecutor against ISSA HASSAN SESSAY in respect to each and every count.

**TAKES NOTE** of the Prosecutor’s request that a Warrant of Arrest and Order for Transfer and Detention be issued against ISSA HASSAN SESSAY.

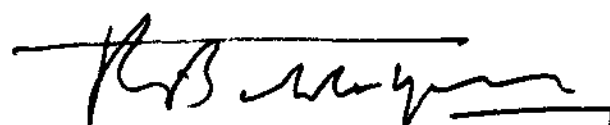
**CONSIDERING** Article 17(2) of the Agreement Between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone on the Establishment of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“the Agreement”);

**CONSIDERING** the Special Court Agreement 2002 (Ratification) Act 2002, Section 20, an order of the Special Court, shall have the same force or effect as if it had been issued by a Judge, Magistrate or Justice of the Peace of a Sierra Leone court.

**ORDERS**, pursuant to Rule 53 and after consultation with the Prosecutor, that there be no public disclosure of the Indictment or any part thereof or information pertaining to the Indictment, the Warrant of Arrest, the transfer and detention until further order by the Special Court.

**DIRECTS** the Registrar, in accordance with Rule 55(B) of the Rules, to serve this Decision and the Special Court’s Warrant of Arrest and Order for Transfer and Detention of the Accused on the relevant authorities of the Government of Sierra Leone.

Done in London, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2003.

  
Signed Judge Bankole Thompson

(Seal of the Special Court)

