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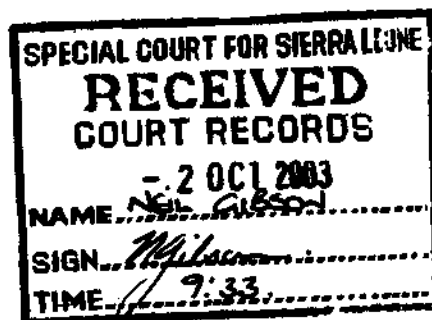
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Case No. SCSL-2003-13  
*The Prosecutor v. Santigie Borbor Kanu*

DECISION

THE PRINCIPAL DEFENDER,



**CONSIDERING** the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and in particular Article 17 thereof;

**CONSIDERING** the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as adopted by the Plenary meeting of the Special Court for Sierra Leone on 7 March 2003, and modified on 1 August 2003, and in particular Rules 44 and 45 thereof;

**CONSIDERING** the request of Mr. Santigie Borbor Kanu for the appointment of counsel on 19 September 2003;

**CONSIDERING** that the Principal Defender may, in the interests of justice, assign a counsel to represent the accused on a provisional basis;

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. Geert-Jan Knoops of the Netherlands meets the requirements for the provisional assignment of counsel to an indigent accused;

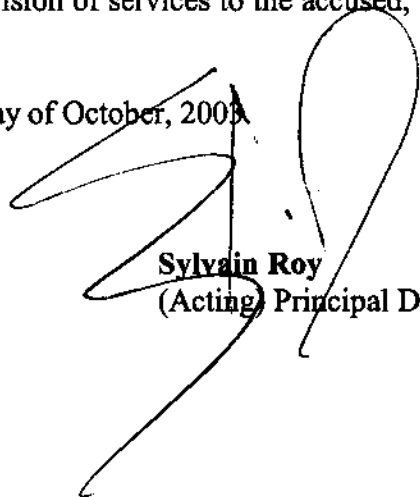
**CONSIDERING** that the accused does not have sufficient means at the present time to retain counsel on his own;

**CONSIDERING** that Mr. Geert-Jan Knoops has agreed to represent the accused provisionally for a period of two (2) months or until such time as he enters into a Legal Services Contract with the Defence Office of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for the provision of services to the accused, whichever event occurs first; and

**CONSIDERING** that Geert-Jan Knoops has agreed to represent the accused provisionally and for the period set out above for the sum of US\$5,000.00, travel costs to Freetown during the period of provisional assignment and US\$115.00 Daily Living Allowance for all days spent in Freetown.

**DIRECTS** the assignment of Mr. Geert-Jan Knoops as provisional Assigned Counsel to the accused effective 29 September 2003 for a period of two (2) months or until such time as Mr. Knoops enters into a Legal Services Contract with the Defence Office of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for the provision of services to the accused, whichever event occurs first.

Dated at Freetown this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2003



**Sylvain Roy**  
(Acting) Principal Defender