

NOTING Rule 73 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court (“Rules”), which provides for the filing of a pre-trial brief by the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”) addressing the factual and legal issues in the case at a time after the Pre-Trial Conference has been held, and further provides for the filing of a pre-trial brief by the Defence addressing the factual and legal issues not later than seven days prior to the date set for trial;

NOTING the “Practice Direction on Filing Documents before the Special Court for Sierra Leone,” issued by the Registrar on 27 February 2003, and specifically Article 9 thereof,

CONSIDERING THAT the right of the Accused to a fair and expeditious trial will be advanced by the filing of the pre-trial briefs at an earlier stage in the pre-trial process than after the Pre-Trial Conference;

MINDFUL OF the need to comply with Rule 54 and Rule 73 *bis* of the Rules;

HEREBY ORDERS that the Prosecution pre-trial brief in this case shall be filed on or before **27 February 2004**;

And **FURTHER ORDERS** that the each Defence team shall file its pre-trial brief by **19 March 2004**.

Done at Freetown this 13th day of February 2004

Judge Bankole Thompson Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe Judge Pierre Boutet
Presiding Judge,
Trial Chamber

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