

CONSIDERING the submissions of defence counsel for Sam Hinga Norman, Moinina Fofana and Allieu Kondewa at the Status Conference on 4 March 2004 on various issues including disclosure;

CONSIDERING that defence counsel for Sam Hinga Norman requested that the date for filing its pre-trial brief be suspended until after full disclosure or otherwise until after the order on Protective Measures is lifted;

CONSIDERING that each party is to address factual and legal issues in its pre-trial brief for the purposes of, *inter alia*, assisting the Trial Chamber in determining contested issues of fact and law;

CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber, and indeed opposing counsel, will be more greatly assisted by a well-prepared, detailed pre-trial brief than by a pre-trial brief drafted without the benefit of extensive disclosure and sufficient pre-trial preparation;

FINDING THEREFORE that it is in the interests of justice to revise the Order of 13 February 2004 in relation to the date for filing pre-trial briefs by the Defence in this case; and

HEREBY ORDERS that the pre-trial briefs shall be filed by each Defence team in this case two weeks prior to the date for the commencement of trial.

Done at Freetown this 22nd day of March 2004

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

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[\[1\]](#) Prosecution's Pre-Trial Brief Pursuant to Order for Filing Pre-Trial Briefs (under Rules 54 and 73 bis) of 13 February 2004, 2 March 2004.