



**TRIAL CHAMBER I** ("The Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court") composed of Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga Itoe, Presiding Judge, Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson, and Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet;

**SEIZED** of the *Urgent Prosecution Motion for a Ruling on the Admissibility of Evidence* filed by the Prosecution on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2005;

**NOTING** the *Response of First Accused to Prosecution's "Urgent Prosecution Motion for a Ruling on the Admissibility of Evidence" and Objection to Other Crimes Evidence*, filed by Court Appointed Counsel for the First Accused on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 2005;

**NOTING** the *Prosecution Reply to 'Response of First Accused to Prosecution's "Urgent Prosecution Motion for a Ruling on the Admissibility of Evidence" and Objection to Other Crimes Evidence'*, filed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2005;

**NOTING** the *Response of the Second Accused to Urgent Prosecution Motion for Ruling on the Admissibility of Evidence*, filed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 2005;

**NOTING** the *Response of Third Accused to Prosecution's Urgent Motion for a Ruling on the Admissibility of Evidence*, filed on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2005;

**NOTING** *Prosecution Reply to "Response of the Second Accused to Urgent Prosecution Motion for Ruling on the Admissibility of Evidence"*, filed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2005;

**NOTING** the *Prosecution Reply to "Response of Third Accused to Prosecution's Urgent Motion for a Ruling on the Admissibility of Evidence"*, filed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2005;

**PURSUANT TO** Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Rules");

**ISSUES THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

1. Having carefully considered the merits of the Urgent Motion filed by the Prosecution on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2005 for a Ruling on the Admissibility of Evidence seeking clarification on (i) the extent to which the Trial Chamber's Decision of the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 2004, limits the adduction of particular relevant and admissible evidence, under existing counts in the Indictment, and (ii) the extent to which those portions of certain witnesses' testimonies relating to certain unlawful acts can be adduced under existing counts, as such Counts 3 and 4;
2. And having further carefully considered the Response of the Defence to the aforesaid Motion, and the Prosecution's Reply thereto;
3. The Chamber, by a Majority Decision, denies the Motion.

Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet dissents from the Majority Decision.

A reasoned written Decision will be published in due course to which shall be appended the Dissenting Opinion by Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet.

Done in Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2005

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Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet

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Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga Itoe  
Presiding Judge,  
Trial Chamber I

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Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson

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