



**SEIZED** of the Prosecution Appeal against the Decision on Oral Application for Witness TF1-150 to Testify Without Being Compelled to Answer Questions on Grounds of Confidentiality filed on 19 October 2005 (the “Appeal”) pursuant to 73(B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court (“Rules”);

**CONSIDERING** the Joint Defence Response to Prosecution Appeal against the Decision on Oral Application for Witness TF1-150 to Testify Without Being Compelled to Answer Questions on Grounds of Confidentiality filed on 27 October 2005 (the “Response”);

**CONSIDERING** the Prosecution Reply to Joint Defence Response to Prosecution Appeal against the Decision on Oral Application for Witness TF1-150 to Testify Without Being Compelled to Answer Questions on Grounds of Confidentiality filed on 31 October 2005 (the “Reply”);

**NOTING** that, pursuant to Article 1(2) of the Practice Direction on Filing of *Amicus Curiae* Applications pursuant to Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (the “Practice Direction on *Amicus Curiae*”), adopted on 20 October 2004, “[a]t its discretion, a Chamber may invite an *amicus curiae* submission from a particular State, organization or person, in which case no application for leave is required”;

**BEING INFORMED** of the intention of the Non-Governmental Organization “Human Rights Watch” (“Human Rights Watch”) to file an *amicus curiae* brief in the current case;

**CONSIDERING** that there is a real reason to believe that an *amicus curiae* brief by Human Rights Watch providing material that is not already before the Appeals Chamber will assist it in reaching its decision on the issues raised by the present Appeal;

**PURSUANT TO RULE 74 OF THE RULES AND ARTICLE 1(2) OF THE PRACTICE DIRECTION ON *AMICUS CURIAE***

**HEREBY APPOINTS** Human Rights Watch as *amicus curiae*, and

**ORDERS** Human Rights Watch to file a written brief no later than 15 December 2005 with any responses by the Parties to be filed within two weeks thereafter.

Done at Freetown this day 24th of November 2005

Justice Raja Fernando  
Presiding Judge,  
Appeals Chamber

Justice Emmanuel Ayoola

Justice Geoffrey Robertson

[Seal of the Special Court for Sierra Leone]