

MINDFUL of the Orders of this Trial Chamber concerning protective measures, including the “Decisions on the Prosecutor’s Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and Victims and for Non-Public Disclosure” for each individual accused in the RUF trial^[1] and the “Decision on Prosecution Motion for Modification of Protective Measures for Witnesses filed on the 5th of July 2004”^[2];

HAVING RECEIVED the “Urgent and Confidential Prosecution Motion to Request Protective Measures for Witnesses TF1-041 & TF1-369” on the 17th of February, 2006 (“Motion”), filed confidentially by the Office of the Prosecutor (“Prosecution”);

NOTING the “Prosecution Proposed Order of Appearance of Witnesses – Seventh Trial Session”, filed on the 10th February, 2006;

CONSIDERING that Article 17(4)(c) of the Statute of the Special Court provides that the Accused shall be entitled “to be tried without undue delay”;

CONSIDERING that the fair and expeditious consideration of the Motion requires the imposition of an expedited timetable for the filing of any remaining written submissions;^[3]

PURSUANT TO Rule 7(C), 26bis, 54, 73 and of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court;

HEREBY ORDERS as follows:

1. Any Response by the Defence to the Motion shall be filed no later than Wednesday, the 15th of February, 2006, at 04:00pm;
2. Any Reply by the Prosecution to the Defence Responses shall be filed, in a consolidated form, no later than Friday, the 17th of February, 2006, at 04:00pm;

Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 17th day of February, 2006

Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga
Itoe

Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet

Hon. Justice Bankole
Thompson

Presiding Judge
Trial Chamber I

[Seal of the Special Court for Sierra Leone]

^[1] *Prosecutor v. Sesay*, Case No. SCSL-03-05-PT, Decision on the Prosecutor's Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and Victims and for Non-public Disclosure, 23 May 2003, *Prosecutor v. Kallon*, Case No. SCSL-03-07-PT, Decision on the Prosecutor's Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and Victims and for Non-public Disclosure, 23 May 2003, and *Prosecutor v. Gbao*, Case No. SCSL-03-09-PT, Decision on the Prosecutor's Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and Victims and for Non-public

Disclosure, 10 October 2003.

[2] *Prosecutor v. Sesay, Kallon and Gbao*, Case No. SCSL-04-15-T, Decision on Prosecution Motion for Modification of Protective Measures for Witnesses, 5 July 2004.

[3] See also *Prosecutor against Norman, Fofana and Kondewa*, Case No. SCSL-04-14-T, Order for Expedited Filing, 1 December 2005; see also *Prosecutor against Sesay, Kallon and Gbao*, Case No. SCSL-04-15-T, Order for Expedited Filing, 17 May 2004.
