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**TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before:** Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet, Presiding Judge  
Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson  
Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga Itoe

**Registrar:** Mr. Lovemore Munlo SC

**Date:** 29th of March, 2006

**PROSECUTOR**

**Against**

**SAM HINGA NORMAN**  
**MOININA FOFANA**  
**ALLIEU KONDEWA**  
(Case No.SCSL-04-14-T)

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**SCHEDULING ORDER FOR STATUS CONFERENCE**

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

**NOTING** The Chamber’s “Scheduling Order for Status Conference” filed on the 3rd of March, 2006;

**NOTING** that a Status Conference was held pursuant to this Order on the 22nd of March, 2006 “in order to review the witness list of the First Accused and the expanded summaries of their witnesses and discuss with the Parties the possible reassessment of the witness list, the order of witnesses’ appearances, the comprehensiveness of witness summaries and their material relevance, common witnesses and any other-witness related matter, as may be brought by the Parties”;

**NOTING** that at this Status Conference The Chamber once again noted continuous delay and partial non-compliance with The Chamber’s Orders on the part of Court Appointed Counsel for the First Accused;[\[1\]](#)

**NOTING** The Chamber’s “Consequential Order to the Status Conference of 22 March 2006”, filed on the 23rd of March, 2006 (“Order of the 23rd of March, 2006”), whereby the Parties were ordered to file certain materials with the Court by the 3rd of April, 2006, at 1 p.m.;

**NOTING** that the Special Court will observe a judicial recess from Monday, the 10th of April, 2006 until Monday, the 24th of April, 2006, “during which period the Court Management Section of the Registry will not accept any documents for filing”;[\[2\]](#)

**NOTING** that the seventh trial session in this case is scheduled to commence on the 3rd of May, 2006 with a preceding Status Conference on the 2nd of May, 2006;

**NOTING** the letter from the Prosecutor, Mr. Desmond de Silva, to The Chamber of the 27th of March, 2006, whereby the Prosecutor submits that “in order to ensure the timely start and smooth running of the seventh CDF trial session, the Defence documents to be filed on 3 April 2006 should be reviewed for compliance with the Trial Chamber’s Order before the April judicial recess, to allow time for any continuing deficiencies to be rectified”;

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

**CONSIDERING** that in accordance with Rule 26*bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court (“Rules”) The Chamber “shall ensure that a trial is fair and expeditious”;

**CONSIDERING** further that the Prosecution and Court Appointed Counsel for the Second and the Third Accused are entitled to sufficient time to prepare for their respective cross-examinations of witnesses called by Court Appointed Counsel for the First Accused;

**CONSIDERING** that The Chamber’s orders shall be complied with at all times;

**CONSIDERING** that it is in the interests of justice to hold a Status Conference before the April recess, in order to review the materials to be filed by Court Appointed Counsel for the First Accused and by other Parties on the 3rd of April, 2006, for their compliance with The Chamber’s Order of the 23rd of March, 2006, and to discuss issues which may contribute to the timely start and expeditious running of the seventh trial session and other matters as may be brought by the Parties;

**PURSUANT TO** Article 17(4)(C) of the Statute and Rules 26*bis*, 54, 65*bis* of the Rules;

**HEREBY ORDERS** as follows:

1. that the Status Conference shall be held on Wednesday, the 5th of April, 2006 at 2:45 p.m. in Courtroom 1;
2. that the Parties shall ensure their timely compliance with The Chamber’s Order of the 23rd of March, 2006 in order to avoid any further delays.

Done in Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 29th day of March, 2006.

Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga  
Itoe

Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet  
Presiding Judge  
Trial Chamber I

Hon. Justice Bankole  
Thompson

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[1] See, *inter alia*, Transcript of the 22nd of March, 2006, p. 42.

[2] Order of the President of the Special Court “Order Designating Judicial Recess”, of 20 January, 2006.

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