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Case No. SCSL-2003- 03- I

The Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor

**PRINCIPAL DEFENDER'S DECISION TO PROVISIONALLY ASSIGN
COUNSEL TO CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR**

THE PRINCIPAL DEFENDER

CONSIDERING the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and in particular Article 17 thereof;

CONSIDERING the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as adopted by the plenary meeting of the Special Court for Sierra Leone on 7 March 2003, and modified on the 14th May 2005 and in particular Rules 45 thereof;

CONSIDERING the Directive on the Assignment of Counsel as adopted by the Registrar on the 1 October 2003 and in particular Article 10 thereof;

CONSIDERING that Charles Ghankay Taylor (hereinafter, "the Accused") requested the Principal Defender to provide him Legal Assistance from the list maintained by the Defence Office of Counsel willing to be assigned to indigent accused persons/suspects standing trial before the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

CONSIDERING that the Accused may not have sufficient means at the present time to retain Counsel of his own;

CONSIDERING that the Principal Defender may, in the interests of justice, assign Counsel to represent the Accused pursuant to Article 9(B) of the Directive on the Assignment of Counsel;

CONSIDERING that the Principal Defender provisionally declared the Accused partially indigent on the 3 April 2006 pending investigations into information supplied by the Accused in his Declaration of Means;

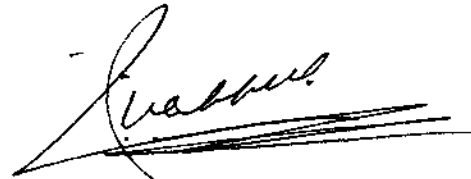
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CONSIDERING that the Accused person has agreed to the provisional assignment of Mr. Karim Asad Ahmad Khan, Barrister in the Chambers of David Waters Q.C. of 2 Hare Court, Temple, London, EC4Y 7BH as provisional Counsel;

CONSIDERING that Mr. Karim Asad Ahmad Khan meets the requirements for the assignment of Counsel to represent indigent accused persons and has agreed to be available to provisionally represent the accused;

DIRECTS the assignment of Mr. Karim Asad Ahmad Khan as provisional Counsel to the accused for a period of 90 days effective 5 April 2006 under the terms and conditions established by the Defence Office.

Dated at Freetown this 5th day of April, 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent O. Nmeielle', is written over a set of three horizontal lines. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Vincent O. Nmeielle
Principal Defender