

**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE**

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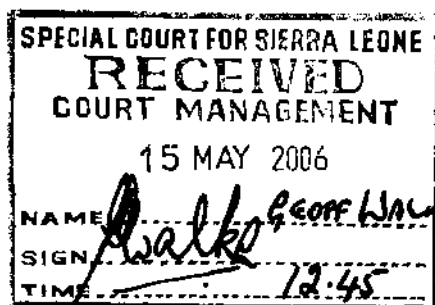
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IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER**Before:** Justice Raja Fernando, Presiding Judge**Registrar:** Mr. Lovemore Munlo, SC**Date:** 15 May 2006

PROSECUTOR	Against	CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR (Case No.SCSL-03-01-R72)
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ORDER APPOINTING BENCH

Office of the Prosecutor:James C. Johnson
Ms. Brenda Hollis
Ms. Nina Jorgensen**Defence Counsel for Charles Ghankay****Taylor:**
Mr. Karim A.A. Khan

I, JUSTICE RAJA FERNANDO, Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

BEING SEISED OF the “Urgent Defence Motion for an Order that no Change of Venue from the Seat of the Court in Freetown Be Ordered Without the Defence Being Heard on the Issue and Motion that the Trial Chamber Request the President of the Special Court to Withdraw the Requests Purportedly Made to (1) the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Permit that the Trial of Charles Ghankay Taylor Be Conducted on its Territory & (2) to the President of the ICC for Use of the ICC Building and Facilities in the Netherlands During the Proposed Trial of Charles Ghankay Taylor” (the “Motion”) filed by the Defence before Trial Chamber II on 7 April 2006;

CONSIDERING the “Prosecution Response to Taylor Urgent Motion Against Change of Venue” (The “Response”), filed on 25 April 2006;

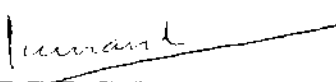
CONSIDERING the “Defence Reply to Prosecution Response to ‘Motion for an Order that no Change of Venue from the Seat of the Court in Freetown Be Ordered Without the Defence Being Heard on the Issue and Motion that the Trial Chamber Request the President of the Special Court to Withdraw the Requests Purportedly Made to (1) the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Permit that the Trial of Charles Ghankay Taylor Be Conducted on its Territory & (2) to the President of the ICC for Use of the ICC Building and Facilities in the Netherlands During the Proposed Trial of Charles Ghankay Taylor’” (the “Reply”), filed on 28 April 2006;

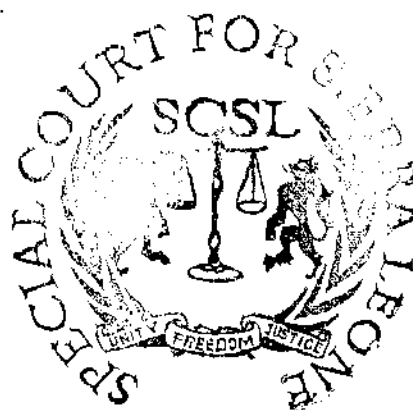
NOTING the “Order Pursuant to Rule 72(E) and 72(F)” rendered by Trial Chamber II on 3 May 2006 (“Trial Chamber II Order”), by which the Trial Chamber referred the Motion, Response, and Reply to the Appeals Chamber for determination;

PURSUANT to Rules 72(E) and 72(F), I hereby appoint Hon. Justice King, Presiding, Hon. Justice Ayoola and Hon. Justice Winter to decide the Motion; and

STATE that there will be no oral hearing of this matter.

Done at Freetown this 15 May 2006.


Justice Raja Fernando
Presiding



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