

HAVING RECEIVED the Application Seeking Adequate Resources Pursuant to Rule 45 and/or Pursuant to the Registrar’s Duty to Ensure Equality of Arms (Application I – Logistical Resources) and the Application Seeking Adequate Resources Pursuant to Rule 45 and/or Pursuant to the Defence Office/Registrar’s Duty to Ensure Equality of Arms (Application II – Expert Provision), both filed by Counsel for the First Accused, Issa Hassan Sesay, (“Defence”) on the 9th of January 2007;

NOTING that, in both motions, the Defence is seeking an expedited exchange of pleadings in order “to ensure that the Defence preparations are not further delayed or hindered by lack of resources”;^[1]

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;^[2]

PURSUANT TO Rule 7(C), 26bis, 27(B), 54 and 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court;

HEREBY ORDERS as follows:

1. Any Response to the Motion by the Office of the Principal Defender shall be filed no later than Friday, the 12th of January 2007 at 4:00pm; and
2. Any Reply by the Defence shall be filed no later than Monday, the 15th of January 2007 at 4:00pm.

Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 9th day of January 2007

Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson
Presiding Judge
Trial Chamber I

[Seal of the Special Court for Sierra Leone]

^[1] Paragraph 2 of both Motions.

^[2] See *Prosecutor v. Norman, Fofana and Kondewa*, Case No. SCSL-04-14-T, Order for Expedited Filing, 1 December 2005; see also *Prosecutor v. Sesay, Kallon and Gbao*, Case No. SCSL-04-15-T, Order for Expedited Filing, 17 May 2004.
