

SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

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TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding Judge

Justice Richard Lussick Justice Teresa Doherty

Registrar:

Lovemore G. Munlo, SC

Date:

2 February 2007

PROSECUTOR

Against

Charles Ghankay Taylor (Case No.SCSL-03-1-PT)

SCHEDULING ORDER FOR A PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE PURSUANT TO RULE 73 BIS

Office of the Prosecutor: Stephen Rapp Wendy van Tongeren <u>Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:</u> Karim A.A. Khan

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TRIAL CHAMBER II ("Trial Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court"), composed of Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding Judge, Justice Richard Lussick, and Justice Teresa Doherty;

RECALLING the Status Conference held on 21 July 2006 ("First Status Conference"); the Status Conference held on 22 September 2006 ("Second Status Conference") and the Status Conference held on 26 January 2007 ("Third Status Conference") pursuant to Rule 65bis of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court ("Rules") wherein the parties discussed various issues pertaining to preparations for the trial of Mr. Charles Ghankay Taylor, in particular, compliance of the parties with their disclosure obligations under Rules 66, 67 and 68;

RECALLING that during the Second Status Conference, Justice Julia Sebutinde set 2 April 2007 as the tentative trial date¹ and that subsequently, upon deciding a Defence Motion, the Trial Chamber adjusted this date and set 4 June 2007 as the date for the start of the trial;²

RECALLING that during the Third Status Conference, Justice Teresa Doherty ordered the Prosecution pursuant to Rule 73bis(B)(i) of the Rules to file a Pre-trial Brief addressing the factual and legal issues, by Wednesday 4 April 2007;³

NOTING Rule 73bis(A), (B) and (F) which provide

- (A) The Trial Chamber or a Judge designated from among its members shall hold a Pre-Trial Conference prior to the commencement of the trial.
- (B) Prior to the Pre-Trial Conference the Trial chamber or a Judge designated from among its members may order the Prosecutor, within a time limit set by the Trial Chamber or the said Judge, and before the date set for trial, to file the following:
 - (i) A pre-trial brief addressing the factual and legal issues;
 - (ii) Admissions by the parties and a statement of other matters not in dispute;
 - (iii) A statement of contested matters of fact and law;
 - (iv) A list of witnesses the Prosecutor intends to call with:
 - (a) The name or pseudonym of each witness
 - (b) A summary of the facts on which each witness will testify;
 - (c) The points in the indictment on which each witness will testify; and
 - (d) The estimated length of time required for each witness;
- (v) A list of exhibits the Prosecutor intends to offer, staring, where possible, whether or not the defence has any objection as to authenticity.

The Trial Chamber or the said Judge may order the Prosecutor to provide the Trial Chamber with copies of written statements of each witness whom the Prosecutor intends to call to testify.



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¹ Transcript 22 September 2006, p.53, ln. 4 to p.54, ln. 14

² Prosecutor e. Charles G. Taylor, Joint Decision On Defence Motions On Adequate Facilities And Adequate Time For The Preparation Of Mr. Taylor's Defence, Case No.SCSL-03-1-PT-164, pp.7-8

³ Transcript 26 January 2007, p.39, In. 27 to p. 40, In. 1

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(F) Prior to the Pre-Trial Conference, the Trial Chamber or a Judge designated from among its members may order the defence to file a statement of admitted facts and law and a pre-trial brief addressing the factual and legal issues, within a time limit set by the Trial Chamber or the said Judge, and before the date set for trial.

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 17 of the Statute of the Special Court ("Statute"); of Rules 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 73 and 73bis and of the Practice Direction on Filing Documents Before the Special Court;⁴

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. A Pre-Trial Conference is scheduled to be held on Monday 7 May 2007 at The Hague;
- 2. The Prosecution shall, in addition to the Pre-trial Brief, file on or before 4 April 2007 the following:
 - (i) Admissions by the parties and a statement of other matters not in dispute;
 - (ii) A statement of contested matters of fact and law;
 - (iii) A list of witnesses the Prosecutor intends to call with:
 - (a) The name or pseudonym of each witness;
 - (b) A summary of the facts on which each witness will testify;
 - (c) The points in the indictment on which each witness will testify; and
 - (d) The estimated length of time required for each witness;
 - (iv) A list of exhibits the Prosecutor intends to offer, stating, where possible, whether or not the Defence has any objection as to authenticity.
- 3. The Defence shall on or before 26 April 2007 file a statement of admitted facts and law and a pre-trial brief addressing the factual and legal issues.
- 4. Notwithstanding the Court recess, the Court Management Section is directed to accept any documents filed by the Prosecution on 4 April 2007 and to ensure that they are served on the Defence without delay.

Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 2nd day of February 2007.

Justice Richard Lussick

Justice Julia Sebutinde

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