

**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE**  
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**TRIAL CHAMBER I**

**Before:** Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson, Presiding Judge

**Registrar:** Herman von Hebel, Acting Registrar

**Date:** 18th of April 2007

**PROSECUTOR**

**Against**

**ISSA HASSAN SESAY**  
**MORRIS KALLON**  
**AUGUSTINE GBAO**  
(Case No. SCSL-04-15-T)

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**ORDER FOR EXPEDITED FILINGS**

**Office of the Prosecutor:**

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**Defence Counsel for Issa Hassan Sesay:**

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**I, HON. JUSTICE BANKOLE THOMPSON, Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber I of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court");**

**HAVING RECEIVED** the Gbao – Request for the Gbao Opening Statement to be Given at the Beginning of the Presentation of Evidence for the Third Accused, filed publicly by Court Appointed Counsel for the Third Accused, Augustine Gbao, (“*Gbao Defence*”) on the 16th of April 2007 and served on the 17th of April 2007 (“Motion”);

**NOTING** that the *Gbao Defence* is seeking a postponement of the opening statement for the Third Accused until the commencement of the presentation of the evidence on his behalf rather than at the beginning of the Defence case;

**NOTING** that the Defence case is scheduled to commence on the 3rd of May 2007;[\[1\]](#)

**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 a response and a reply;

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

**HEREBY ORDER** as follows:

1. Any Response to the Motion by the Office Prosecutor shall be filed no later than Friday, the 20th of April 2007 at 4:00pm; and
2. Any Reply by the *Gbao Defence* shall be filed no later than Monday, the 23rd of April 2007 at 4:00pm.

Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 18th day of April 2007

Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson  
Presiding Judge  
Trial Chamber I

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[\[1\]](#) *Prosecutor v. Sesay, Kallon and Gbao*, SCSL-04-15-T, Consequential Orders Concerning the Preparation and the Commencement of the Defence Case, 28 March 2007.

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