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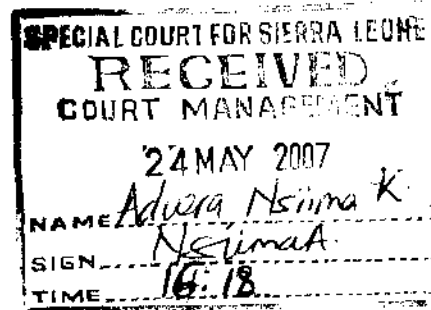
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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

TRIAL CHAMBER II



Before: Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding Judge
Justice Richard Lussick
Justice Teresa Doherty
Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate Judge

Registrar: Herman von Hebel, Acting Registrar

Case No.: SCSL-03-1-PT

Date: 24 May 2007

PROSECUTOR

Against

CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

ORDER RESCHEDULING THE TIME FOR START OF THE TRIAL ON 4TH JUNE 2007

Office of the Prosecutor:

Stephan Rapp
Brenda Hollis

Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:

Karim A.A. Khan
Roger Sahlota

TRIAL CHAMBER II ("Trial Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court"); 9429

RECALLING the "Joint Decision on Defence Motions on Adequate Facilities and Adequate Time for the Preparation of Mr. Taylor's Defence", dated 23 January 2007, wherein the Trial Chamber set 4 June 2007 as the date for the start of the trial¹; and the "Decision on 'Defence Motion Requesting Reconsideration of 'Joint Decision on Defence Motions on Adequate Facilities and Adequate Time for the Preparation of Mr. Taylor's Defence, dated 23 January 2007' " issued on 25 April 2007, wherein the Trial Chamber, *inter alia*, directed that " *The Taylor trial will start on 4 June 2007 as previously scheduled. However, on that date the Prosecution may open its case by making an opening statement only*";

RECALLING also that during the Pre-Trial Conference held by the Trial Chamber on 7 May 2007, the Honourable Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding Judge, provisionally scheduled the start of the trial for 9.00 a.m. on Monday 4th June 2007²;

RECALLING also that on 22 May 2007 the Trial Chamber dismissed the "Defence Application for Leave to Appeal the 25 April 2007 'Decision on Defence Motion Requesting Reconsideration of 'Joint Decision on Defence Motions on Adequate Facilities and Adequate Time for the Preparation of Mr. Taylor's Defence, dated 23 January 2007'"³;

RECALLING also the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1688 (2006), dated 16 June 2006, in which the Security Council under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations "Requests the Special Court [...] to make the trial proceedings accessible to the people of the sub-Region, including through video link";

NOTING that the Registrar of the Special Court has made arrangements to broadcast live the trial proceedings on 4 June 2007 from The Hague, The Netherlands, to the public in Sierra Leone and the sub-Region through video link and has accordingly requested that the start of the trial proceedings in The Hague be delayed by one and a half hours in order to accommodate the audience in Freetown and the sub-Region;

COGNISANT of the importance of enabling the people of the sub-Region, in particular the people of Sierra Leone and Liberia to have access to the trial proceedings;

MINDFUL HOWEVER, of the time difference of two hours between The Hague, Netherlands, and Freetown, Sierra Leone;

PURSUANT to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules");

HEREBY reschedules the time for the start of the trial from 9.00 a.m. and

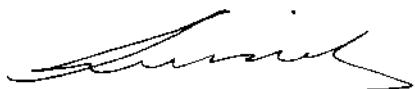
¹ *Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor*, SCSL-2003-01-PT-164, Joint Decision on Defence Motions on Adequate Facilities and Adequate Time for the Preparation of Mr. Taylor's Defence, 23 January 2007, para. 22

² See *Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor*, SCSL-2003-01-PT, Transcript of Pre-Trial Conference, 7 May 2007, page 37, lines 12-18

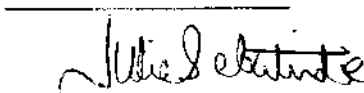
³ See *Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor*, SCSL-2003-01-PT-249, Decision on "Defence Application for Leave to Appeal the 25 April 2007 "Decision on Defence Motion Requesting Reconsideration of 'Joint Decision on Defence Motions on Adequate Facilities and Adequate Time for the Preparation of Mr. Taylor's Defence, dated 23 January 2007", 22 May 2007

ORDERS that the trial shall start on Monday 4 June 2007 at 10.30 a.m. local time at The Hague. 9430

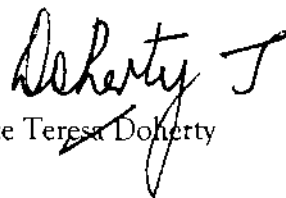
Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 24th day of May 2007.



Justice Richard Lussick



Justice Julia Sebutinde
Presiding Judge



Justice Teresa Doherty

[Seal of the Special Court for Sierra Leone]

