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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIENZA LEONE

28 MAY 2007

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:

Mr. Herman von Hebel, Acting Registrar

Case No.:

SCSL-03-1-PT

Date:

28 May 2007

PROSECUTOR

Against

CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

ORDER FOR EXPEDITED FILING

Office of the Prosecutor:

Stephen Rapp Brenda Hollis Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:

Karim A.A. Khan Roger Sahota

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

SEISED OF the following urgent Motions-

- 1. "Urgent and Public Prosecution's Motion for Admission of Materials Pursuant to Rules 89(C) and 92bis For Use During Opening Statement," filed on 16 May 2007 ("Prosecution Motion")¹;
- 2. "Urgent and Public Defence Motion Requesting Leave for Charles Ghankay Taylor to Give an Unsworn Statement From the Dock", filed on 18 May 2007 ("First Defence Motion")²;
- 3. "Urgent and Public Defence Motion Pursuant to Rule 54 Requesting Order to Court Management to Accept Filings and Serve Hard Copies of all Filings on the Parties in The Hague Immediately", filed on 23 May 2007 ("Second Defence Motion")³;

NOTING the Prosecution's Response to "Defence Motion Requesting Leave for Charles Ghankay Taylor to Give an Unsworn Statement From the Dock", filed on 25 May 2007 ("Response to First Defence Motion");

NOTING however, that pleadings with regard to the above Motions have not yet closed;

MINDFUL that the opening of the trial of the Accused Charles Ghankay Taylor is scheduled for 4 June 2007;⁴

CONSIDERING that it is not only practicable, but also in the interests of justice to determine the said urgent Motions before the opening of the trial on 4 June 2007;

CONSIDERING also that it is in the interests of a fair and expeditious trial to expedite the filings of any response or reply in regard to each of the urgent Motions;

CONSIDERING further that it would be in the interests of justice for the Registrar to make formal written submissions to the Trial Chamber in response to the issues raised in the Second Defence Motion;

PURSUANT to Rules 7(C), 26bis 33 (B) and 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court;

HEREBY ORDERS as follows:

- (1) Any response to the Prosecution Motion shall be filed not later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 28 May 2007;
- (2) Any response to the Second Defence Motion shall be filed not later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 28 May 2007;

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¹ Document No. SCSL-03-01-PT-239.

² Document No. SCSL-03-01-PT-244.

³ Document No. SCSL03-01-PT-250.

⁴ Prosecutor v. Taylor, Case No. SCSL-03-1-PT, Joint Decision on Defence Motions on Adequate Facilities and Adequate Time for the Preparation of Mr. Taylor's, 23 January 2007.

- (3) Any reply to the Response to First Defence Motion shall be filed not later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 28 May 2007;
- (4) The Registrar is directed, pursuant to Rule 33 (B) to file written submissions in response to the issues raised in the Second Defence Motion, not later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 28 May 2007; and
- (5) Any reply to a response filed in accordance with (1), (2) or (4) above shall be filed not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 May 2007.

Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 28th day of May 2007.

Justice Richard Lussick

Justice Julia Sebutinde Presiding Judge

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Scal of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

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