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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:

Mr. Herman von Hebel, Acting Registrar

Case No.:

Date:

12 June 2007

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PROSECUTOR

Against

CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

ORDER FOR EXPEDITED FILING

<u>Office of the Prosecutor</u>: Stephen Rapp Brenda Hollis <u>Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:</u> 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 "Public and Urgent Prosecution's Motion Regarding Legal Representation of the Accused," filed on 7 June 2007 ("Motion");¹

MINDFUL that the trial of the Accused Charles Ghankay Taylor opened on 4 June 2007;

CONSIDERING that it is not only practicable, but also in the interests of justice to expedite the determination of the said Motion before the continuation of the trial on 25 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 the said Motion;

RECALLING that on 4 June 2007, Mr. Karim Khan, Lead Counsel for the Accused informed the Trial Chamber that he "was no longer instructed by his client" and despite the Presiding Judge's order to the contrary, withdrew from the court proceedings;

RECALLING also that the Trial Chamber's directive to Mr. Charles Jalloh, duty Counsel in the Office of the Principal Defender to "take charge of Mr. Taylor's case" was restricted only to the opening statement of the Prosecution on 4 June 2007;

RECALLING also the Trial Chamber's directive on 4 June 2007 to the Acting Registrar to "immediately facilitate the Principal Defender to travel to The Hague for the purpose of speaking with Mr. Taylor and sorting out his defence problems" and further to "ensure that logistically the Accused has adequate facilities, in accordance with Article 17 of the Statute, without further delay";

NOTING that the Accused, by letter to the Acting Registrar dated 4 June 2007 stated *inter alia*, "I hereby notify you that I will conduct my own defence ..."²

CONSIDERING 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 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) Court Management should ensure that the Motion, this Order and any related filings are served personally on the Accused, Charles Ghankay Taylor as a matter of urgency;
- (2) Any response by the Accused to the Motion shall be filed within 48 hours of receipt of service of the Motion;
- (3) The Registrar is directed, pursuant to Rule 33(B) to file written submissions in response to the issues raised in the Motion and in light of the Trial Chamber's directives, not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 2007; and

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¹ Document No. SCSL-03-01-PT-279

² Letter from Charles Ghankay Taylor dated 4th June 2007 addressed to Mr. Herman von Hebel, Acting Registrar, and filed before Court Management on 5 June 2007.

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(4) Any reply to a response filed in accordance with (1) or (2) above shall be filed not later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 15 June 2007.

Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 12th day of June 2007.

Justice Richard Lussick

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