

## SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

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## 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, Registrar

Date:

13 August 2007

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**PROSECUTOR** 

Against

CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

SCHEDULING ORDER FOR STATUS CONFERENCE 20 AUGUST 2007

Office of the Prosecutor:

Brenda Hollis Ann Sutherland Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:

Mr. Courtenay Griffiths Q.C.

Mr. Terry Munyard Mr. Andrew Cayley TRIAL CHAMBER II ("Trial Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court");

**NOTING** the "Order on Urgent and Public Joint Submissions by the Office of the Principal Defender and the Prosecution in Relation to the Re-Commencement of the Trial on 3 July 2007", filed on 29 June 2007<sup>1</sup> and oral reasons delivered on 3 July 2007<sup>2</sup> in which the start of trial was postponed to 20 August 2007;

**NOTING ALSO** the "Principal Defender's Decision Assigning New Counsel to Charles Ghankay Taylor" filed 17 July 2007 in which new Defence Counsel were assigned to the Accused;

NOTING FURTHER the "Defence Motion for Adjournment to allow the Defence Adequate Time and Facilities to Prepare and Other Ancillary Matters" ("Motion") filed 31 July 2007<sup>4</sup> wherein the Defence requested an adjournment of Trial to Monday, 7 January 2008, the "Prosecution Response to Defence Motion for Adjournment" ("Response"), filed on 1 August 2007<sup>5</sup>, and the "Defence Reply to the Prosecution Response to Defence Motion for Adjournment to Allow the Defence Adequate Time and Facilities to Prepare and Other Ancillary Matters", filed 1 August 2007<sup>6</sup>;

**NOTING FURTHER** the President of the Special Court of Sierra Leone's "Authorisation Pursuant to Rule 4" filed 3 August 2007' empowering the Judges of Trial Chamber II to exercise their functions away from the seat of the Special Court for the period 6 August through 17 August 2007;

**CONSIDERING THAT** at this juncture, a Status Conference would advance the trial with a view to hearing further submissions of the parties on this matter;

PURSUANT TO Rules 54 and 65bis of Rules;

**HEREBY ORDERS** Court Management to accept and serve the filing during the Judicial Recess as a matter of urgency;

FURTHER ORDERS that a Status Conference shall be held on Monday, 20 August 2007 at 11:00 a.m. and that the Parties shall submit any proposed agenda items by close of business Wednesday, 15 August 2007;

FURTHER ORDERS that the preliminary agenda for the Status Conference shall include:

- 1. Further submissions from the Parties, if any, on the outstanding Motion, specifically with regards to adjournment of trial;
- 2. Further submissions from the Parties, if any, on the outstanding Motion, specifically with regards to extension of time for the Defence to respond to outstanding Prosecution Motions;
- 3. Any issues in relation to the administration of the case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SCSL03-01-T, Document 310, Filed 29 June 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Transcript 03 July 2007.

<sup>3</sup> SCSL-03-01-T-320, filed 17 July 2007.

<sup>4</sup> SCSL03-01-T-323, filed 31 July 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> SCSL03-01-T-324, filed 1 August 2007.

<sup>9</sup> SCSL-03-01-T-325, filed 1 August 2007.

<sup>7</sup> SCSL-03-01-T-326, Filed 3 August 2007.

Done at The Hague, Netherlands, this 13th day of August 2007.

Aloherty J.

Justice Teresa Doherty

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Justice Julia Sebutinde Presiding Judge Lunie

Justice Richard Lussick

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