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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

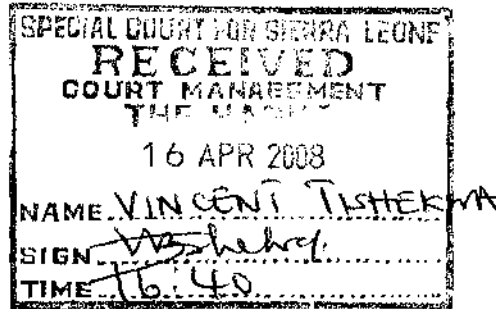
TRIAL CHAMBER II

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

Registrar: Herman von Hebel

Case No.: SCSL-03-1-T

Date: 16 April 2008



PROSECUTOR

v.

Charles Ghankay TAYLOR

DECISION ON CONFIDENTIAL AND URGENT PROSECUTION MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS OF TF1-561

AND

DECISION ON CONFIDENTIAL PROSECUTION REQUEST TO WITHDRAW MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS OF WITNESS TF1-561

Office of the Prosecutor:

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Kirsten Keith

Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:

Courtenay Griffiths, Q.C.
Terry Munyard
Andrew Cayley
Morris Anyah

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

SEISED of the "Confidential with *Ex Parte* Annex C Urgent Prosecution Motion for Additional Protective Measures for the Trial Proceedings of TF1-561", filed on 14 March 2008 ("Motion")¹, wherein the Prosecution requests an order granting a closed session as an additional protective measure to be used during the testimony of TF1-561;

NOTING the Defence "Response to the Prosecution Motion for Additional Protective Measures for the Trial Proceedings of Witness TF1-561", filed on 31 March 2008 ("Response"),² wherein it opposes the Motion;

NOTING the Prosecution "Reply to the Defence to the Prosecution Motion for Additional Protective Measures for the Trial Proceedings of Witness TF1-561", filed on 4 April 2008 ("Reply");³

NOTING the "Confidential Prosecution Request to Withdraw Motion for Additional Protective Measures for the Trial Proceedings of Witness TF1-561", filed on 8 April 2008 ("Request to Withdraw")⁴, wherein the Prosecution seeks to withdraw the Motion on the grounds that Witness TF1-561 himself revealed his identity to the media and that therefore the Prosecution "is unable to further support the witness's request for Closed Session and other protective measures for his testimony";⁵

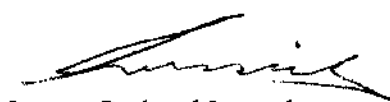
CONSIDERING that in light of the disclosure by Witness TF1-561 of his identity as a witness in this case, the Motion is now moot;


FOR THE ABOVE REASONS

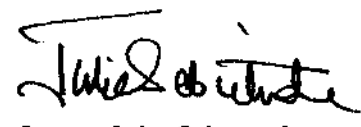
GRANTS the Request to Withdraw; and

DISMISSES the Motion.

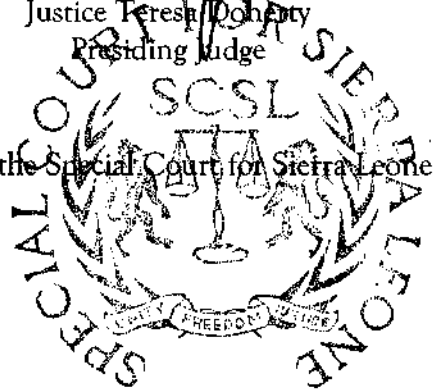
Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 16th day of April 2008.


Justice Richard Lussick


Justice Fereshteh Doherty
Presiding Judge


Justice Julia Sebutinde

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¹ SCSL03-01-T-441 ("Motion").

² SCSL03-01-T-447 ("Response").

³ SCSL03-01-T-453 ("Reply").

⁴ SCSL03-01-T-461 ("Request to Withdraw").

⁵ Request to Withdraw, para. 5.