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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Justice Renate Winter, Presiding Judge Justice Jon M. Kamanda Justice George Gelaga King PACIAL COURT FOR STEARALE Justice Emmanuel Ayoola Justice Shireen Avis Fisher Acting Registrar: Binta Mansaray 6 July 2009 Date: PROSECUTOR Against ISSA HASSAN SESAY MORRIS KALLON AUGUSTINE GBAO (Case No. SCSL-04-15-A)

DECISION ON REQUEST THAT THE APPEALS CHAMBER ADMIT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE FROM *PROSECUTOR V. TAYLOR*

Office of the Prosecutor:

Christopher Staker Vincent Wagona Nina Jørgensen Reginald Fynn Elisabeth Baumgartner Régine Gachoud

<u>Defence Counsel Issa Hassan Sesay:</u>

Wayne Jordash Sareta Ashraph Jared Kneitel

Defence Counsel for Morris Kallon:

Charles Taku Kennedy Ogeto

Defence Counsel for Augustine Gbao:

John Cammegh Scott Martin **THE APPEALS CHAMBER** of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Appeals Chamber") composed of Justice Renate Winter, Presiding Judge, Justice Jon M. Kamanda, Justice George Gelaga King, Justice Emmanuel Ayoola and Justice Shireen Avis Fisher;

SEIZED of the motion entitled "Public Request that the Appeals Chamber Admit Additional Evidence from *Prosecutor v. Taylor*," filed on 29 June 2009 (the "Motion") by the Defence counsel for Issa Hassan Sesay ("Sesay Defence");

NOTING that the Prosecution has not yet filed its submissions in response;

CONSIDERING that the Sesay Defence filed the Motion "[p]ursuant to Rule 115^{**1} before the Appeals Chamber and "requests that the Appeals Chamber introduced the additional evidence from *Taylor* and reverse the relevant findings and convictions and/or order any other appropriate remedy";²

CONSIDERING that Rule 115(A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("Rules") requires that an application to present additional evidence before the Appeals Chamber must be made by motion to the Pre-Hearing Judge;

FINDING the Motion as improperly filed;

DISMISSES the Motion;

HOWEVER, CONSIDERING that the Motion was timely filed, but that the time limit for filing as provided in Rule 115(A) of the Rules has now elapsed;

GRANTS the Sesay Defence extension of time and liberty to file the Motion before the Pre-Hearing Judge within one day from the filing of this ruling.

Done this 6th day of July 2009 at Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Justice Jon M. Kamanda

Justice George Gelaga King

Justice Renate Winter, Presiding

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Justice Emmanuel Ayoola

Justice Shireen Avis Fisher



Motion, para. 1.

² Motion, para. 35.