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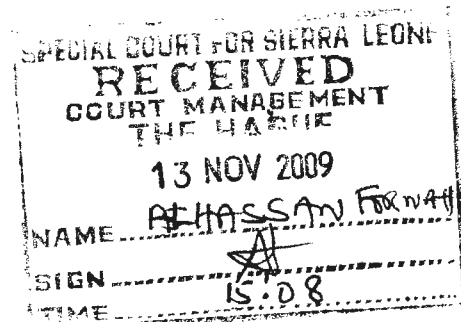
TRIAL CHAMBER II

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

Acting Registrar: Binta Mansaray

Case No.: SCSL-03-1-T

Date: 13 November 2009



PROSECUTOR

v.

Charles Ghankay TAYLOR

DECISION ON URGENT PROSECUTION REQUEST TO EXCEED PAGE LIMIT

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Kathryn Howarth

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Andrew Cayley
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TRIAL CHAMBER II (“Trial Chamber”) of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Special Court”);

SEISED of the “Urgent Prosecution Request to Exceed Page Limit”, filed on 12 November 2009 (“Request”),¹ wherein the Prosecution files a request pursuant to Article 6(G) of the Practice Direction on Filing Documents before the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Practice Direction on Filing Documents”) for an extension of the normal page limit to fifteen pages for its forthcoming motion concerning the use of documents by the Prosecution during cross-examination of the Accused;²

NOTING that the Prosecution’s bases its request on the Trial Chamber’s statement on 12 November 2009 regarding the importance of the issue to be raised in the forthcoming motion and its indication that a properly researched motion including all relevant jurisprudence was anticipated;³

NOTING that the Defence has indicated that it does not intend to file a response to the Request;⁴

NOTING the provisions of Article 6(C) and (G) of the Practice Direction on Filing Documents, which state in relevant part:

- (C) Preliminary motions, motions, responses to such motions and replies to such shall not exceed 10 pages or 3,000 words, whichever is greater.
- (G) A Party, State, organization or person seeking to file a document which exceeds the page limits set out in this article shall obtain authorization in advance from a Judge or a Chamber and shall provide an explanation of the exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing;

ACCEPTING the Prosecution’s explanation that its submissions on the relevant jurisprudence require an extension of the normal page limit;

SATISFIED THEREFORE that the Prosecution has shown exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing in the instant case;

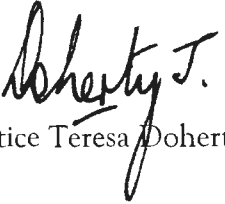
¹ SCSL-03-01-T-856.


² Motion, paras 1, 2.

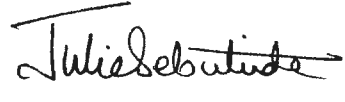
³ Motion, para. 2.

⁴ See email dated 13 November 2009 from the Defence Case Manager to the Senior Legal Officer of Trial Chamber II and the Prosecution.

Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 13th day of November 2009.


Justice Teresa Doherty


Justice Richard Lussick
Presiding Judge


Justice Julia Sebutinde

