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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

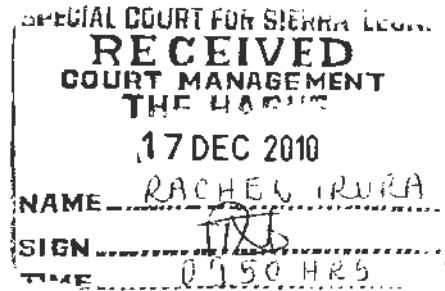
TRIAL CHAMBER II

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

Registrar: Binta Mansaray

Case No.: SCSL-03-1-T

Date: 16 December 2010



PROSECUTOR

v.

Charles Ghankay TAYLOR

ORDER UNDER RULE 16 TO CONTINUE TRIAL IN THE ABSENCE OF A JUDGE

Office of the Prosecutor:

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Counsel for the Accused:

Courtenay Griffiths, Q.C.
Terry Munyard
Morris Anyah
Silas Chekera
James Supuwood

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

NOTING that Justice Sebutinde is unable to continue sitting in the trial for a short duration;

NOTING Rule 16(A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court ("Rules"), which provides:

If a Judge is unable to continue sitting in a proceeding, trial or appeal which has partly been heard for a short duration and the remaining Judges are satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to do so, those remaining Judges may order that the proceeding, trial or appeal continue in the absence of that Judge for a period of not more than five working days;

NOTING the provision of Rule 27(D), which states:

The provisions of Rule 17 will apply in the event of the Presiding Judge being unable to carry out his functions.

NOTING the provision of Rule 17(B), which states:

Judges elected on different dates shall take precedence according to the dates of their election or appointment; Judges elected or appointed on the same date shall take precedence according to age.

SATISFIED that it would be in the interests of justice to continue in the absence of Justice Sebutinde, in accordance with the Rule 16(A);

NOTING that pursuant to the said Rule 17(B), Justice Lussick will act as Presiding Judge in the absence of Justice Sebutinde;

HEREBY ORDERS that the trial continue in the absence of Justice Sebutinde for a period of not more than five working days from Thursday, 16 December 2010.

Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 16th day of December 2010.



Justice Richard Lussick



Justice Teresa Dolbert

[Seal of the Special Court for Sierra Leone]