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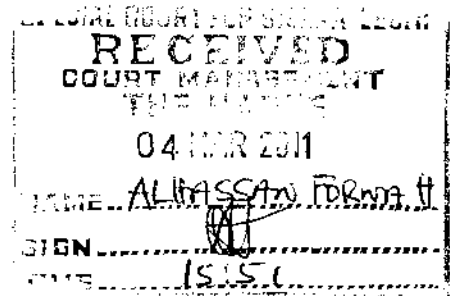
TRIAL CHAMBER II

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

Registrar: Binta Mansaray

Case No.: SCSL-03-1-T

Date: 4 March 2011



PROSECUTOR

v.

Charles Ghankay TAYLOR

SCHEDULING ORDER FOR STATUS CONFERENCE ON 7 MARCH 2011

Office of the Prosecutor:  
Brenda J. Hollis

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** the Appeals Chamber’s “Decision on Defence Notice of Appeal and Submissions Regarding the Decision on Late Filing of Defence Final Brief”, dated 3 March 2011 (“Appeals Decision”),<sup>1</sup> wherein the Appeals Chamber reversed the decision of the Trial Chamber not to accept the Defence final trial brief and directed the Trial Chamber to:

- (i) accept the Defence Final Trial Brief, subject to its further determination as to length and format; and
- (ii) to set a date for the Defence closing arguments and rebuttal arguments;<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING FURTHER** the Prosecution “Public with Confidential Annex Motion to Substitute Prosecution Final Trial Brief”, filed on 4 February 2011 (“Motion to Substitute”),<sup>3</sup> wherein the Prosecution requests that if the untimely Defence Final Brief is accepted, it be limited to 600 pages total and that the Prosecution revised and refined final trial brief provided in the annex to the Motion be substituted for the Prosecution Final Trial Brief filed on 14 January 2011;<sup>4</sup>

**NOTING** the “Public Defence Response to Prosecution Motion to Substitute Prosecution Final Trial Brief and Notice of Intention to Seek Leave to File a Corrected Copy of the Defence Final Trial Brief”, filed on 7 February 2011 (“Response”),<sup>5</sup> wherein the Defence does not oppose the Prosecution’s request to substitute its Final Trial Brief,<sup>6</sup> and submits that the 600 page limit specified in the Trial Chamber’s Scheduling Order dated 22 October 2010 did not make any references to annexes and that the Defence therefore relied on Article 6(F) of the Practice Direction of filing Documents before the Special Court for Sierra Leone;<sup>7</sup>

**NOTING FURTHER** that the Defence in its Response provided notice of its intention to seek leave to serve a corrected and re-formatted version of its Final Trial Brief<sup>8</sup> and that it did file a “Public with Annexes A and Confidential Annex B Corrigendum to Defence Final Brief as Filed on 3 February 2011” on 8 February 2011 (“Corrected Defence Final Brief”),<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> SCSL-01-03-1223.

<sup>2</sup> Appeals Decision, para. 68.

<sup>3</sup> SCSL-03-01-T-1189.

<sup>4</sup> Motion to Substitute, para. 15.

<sup>5</sup> SCSL-03-01-T

<sup>6</sup> Response, para. 1.

<sup>7</sup> Response, para. 2.

<sup>8</sup> Response, para. 3.

<sup>9</sup> SCSL-03-01-T-1194.

NOTING that the Corrected Defence Final Brief is 548 pages of substantive submissions, with 298 additional pages of annexes;

RECALLING the Trial Chamber's "Order Setting a Date for the Closure of the Defence Case and Dates for Filing of Final Trial Briefs and the Presentation of Closing Arguments", dated 22 October 2010,<sup>10</sup> wherein it ordered that the parties could file written responses to the final trial briefs of the opposing parties;

NOTING that the Appeals Decision does not address the issue of whether the parties should file written responses to the final trial briefs;

CONSIDERING that a Status Conference held pursuant to Rule 65bis would be the most appropriate and expeditious way of dealing with the above mentioned issues;


PURSUANT TO Rules 54 and 65bis of the Rules;

ORDERS that a Status Conference shall be held on Monday, 7 March 2011 at 2 p.m. and;

FURTHER ORDERS that the following agenda items shall be addressed at the Status Conference;

- (i) Prosecution Motion to Substitute Final Trial Brief;
- (ii) Submissions on whether the Trial Chamber should accept the corrigendum to the Defence Final Trial Brief;
- (iii) Length and format of the Corrected Defence Final Trial Brief;
- (iv) Filing of written responses to the final trial briefs;
- (v) Date and time for Defence closing arguments;
- (vi) Date and time for any rebuttal arguments;

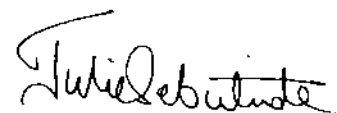
Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.



Justice Richard Lussick

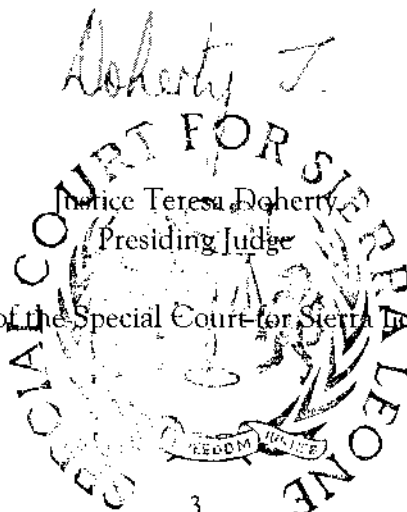


Justice Teresa Doherty  
Presiding Judge



Justice Julia Sebutinde

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<sup>10</sup> SCSL03-01-T-1105.