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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:

Binta Mansaray

Case No.:

SCSL03-1-T

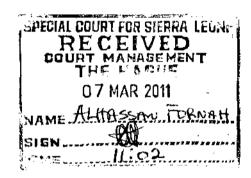
Date:

7 March 2011

PROSECUTOR

v.

Charles Ghankay TAYLOR



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

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 that Justice Doherty 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 Doherty, 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 Doherty;

HEREBY ORDERS that the trial continue in the absence of Justice Doherty for a period of not more than five working days from Monday, 7 March 2011.

Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 7th day of March 2011.

Justice Richard Lussick

Justice Julia Sebutinde