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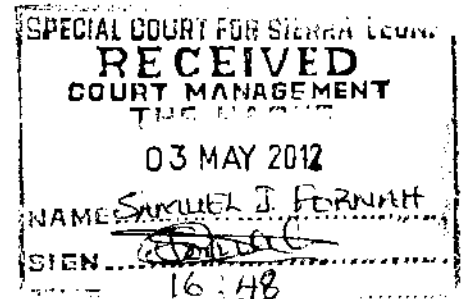
SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Justice Jon M. Kamanda, Presiding
Justice Emmanuel Ayoola
Justice Renate Winter
Justice George Gelaga King
Justice Shireen Avis Fisher
Justice Philip Nyamu Waki, Alternate Judge

Registrar: Ms. Binta Mansaray

Date filed: 3 May 2012



Prosecutor **Against** **Charles Ghankay Taylor**

Case No. SCSL-03-01-T

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PRINCIPAL DEFENDER'S DECISION TO ASSIGN COUNSEL

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The Prosecutor v: Charles Ghankay Taylor

DECISION**THE PRINCIPAL DEFENDER.**

CONSIDERING the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and in particular Article 17 thereof;

CONSIDERING the Rules of Procedure and Evidence as adopted by the Plenary meeting of the Special Court for Sierra Leone on 7 March 2003, and modified on 1 August 2003, 30 October 2003, 14 March 2004, 29 ay 2004, 14 May 2005, 13 May 2006, 24 November 2006, 14 May 2007, 19 November 2007, 27 May 2008, and 28 May 2010 and in particular Rule 45 thereof;

CONSIDERING the Directive on the Assignment of Counsel as adopted by the Registrar on the 1st October 2003 and in particular Article 10 thereof;

CONSIDERING that on the 26th April 2012 the Trial Chamber delivered an extensive summary Judgement on the merits in the matter of the Prosecutor vs. Charles Ghankay Taylor;

CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber in its extensive Judgement summary delivered on the above-mentioned date found the accused Charles Ghankay Taylor guilty of 11 Counts of aiding and abetting and planning the commission of Crimes as listed in Counts 1 to 11 of his indictment;

CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber intends to hear oral arguments on issues relating to Sentencing on Wednesday the 16th May 2012 and is to deliver its ruling on the 30th May 2012;

CONSIDERING that the Trial Chamber sat for a period of 420 days to hear evidence from the parties during which a total of 1522 Exhibits were tendered in evidence by both the Prosecution and the Defence;

CONSIDERING that a total of 115 Witnesses testified in this trial, 49622 pages of trial records transcribed with the Chamber issuing 281 written interlocutory decisions;

CONSIDERING that the documentation in this trial is quite voluminous and Rule 108(A) of the Court's Rules of Procedure and Evidence gives the Defence a period of 14 days to file any Appeals submissions emanating from the final trial Judgement to the Special Court's Appeals Chamber;

CONSIDERING that Mr. Charles Taylor is very mindful of this regulation as a result of which he requests the Registry by way of a letter dated the 27th April 2012 to allow his Appeals Counsel and team to begin Appeals legal work with a view to preparing to file a very big appeal and cross appeal if necessary;

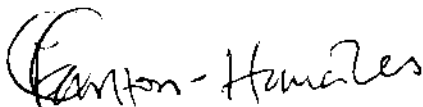
CONSIDERING that Mr. Taylor's Appeals Counsel, Mr Morris Anyah, acted as Co-Counsel in his trial team and meets the requirements of assignment of Counsel to represent indigent or partially indigent persons in accordance with Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and has indicated his willingness to represent Mr. Taylor to finality of the case at Appeals;

CONSIDERING that Mr. Morris Anyah has agreed to act as Mr. Taylor's Appeals Counsel and has indicated that with immediate effect he will take up the responsibility of the Taylor Appeals and will thus free himself of his trial obligations and only offer pro bono services to the trial team whenever time permits him to do so;

CONSIDERING that both Mr. Taylor and his Appeals Counsel Mr. Anyah have informed the Registry that bearing in mind the volume of evidence in this trial and the date of Sentencing already set by the Trial Chamber no legal reason exists for the Appeals team not to be brought onboard now more so as Lead Counsel Anyah does not want to apply for any extensions of time for the filing of the initial grounds of Appeal;

DIRECTS the assignment of Mr. Morris Anyah as Assigned Appeals Counsel to Mr. Taylor, effective from the date of his Assignment of 2nd May 2012, under the terms of the Legal services Contract with the Defence Office of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for the provision of Legal Services to the accused for the duration of the Appeals.

Done in The Hague this 3rd day of May 2012



Claire Carlton-Hanciles
Principal Defender