



SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان

TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

THE CONTEMPT JUDGE

Case No.: STL-14-05/PT/CJ
Before: Judge Nicola Lettieri, Contempt Judge
Registrar: Mr Daryl Mundis, Registrar
Date: 24 July 2014
Original language: English
Classification: Public

IN THE CASE AGAINST
KARMA MOHAMED TAHSIN AL KHAYAT

SCHEDULING ORDER FOR PRE-TRIAL BRIEFS

***Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor:**
Mr Kenneth Scott

Counsel for Ms Karma Khayat:
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Mr Rodney Dixon
Ms Maya Habli
Ms Shyamala Alagendra



1. By way of this order, I am setting a date for the filing of the pre-trial briefs for the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor (“*Amicus*”) and the Defence, in accordance with Rule 91 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”).
2. Rule 91(G) of the Rules states that the Prosecution must file its pre-trial brief and its lists of witnesses and exhibits at least six weeks before the Pre-Trial Conference held under Rule 127 of the Rules.¹ Similarly, Rule 91 (I) requires that the Defence file its pre-trial brief no later than three weeks before the Pre-Trial Conference, in order to address factual and legal issues including the general nature of the accused’s defence, matters under dispute in the *Amicus*’ pre-trial brief, and why each of those matters are in dispute.²
3. Earlier today, I delivered a decision disposing of a motion challenging jurisdiction in this case.³ I note *Amicus Curie* Prosecutor’s submission that pre-trial briefs should only be filed once any appeal against this decision has been decided.⁴ However, I find that it is in the interests of justice to set the dates for the pre-trial briefs at this stage so that the proceedings may progress expeditiously towards trial.
4. A Pre-Trial Conference and subsequent date of the commencement of this contempt trial will be set in due course, after consultation with the Parties, bearing in mind that certain applicable time limits will be shortened.⁵

¹ Rule 90 (G), STL RPE.

² Rule 90 (I) (i)-(iii), STL RPE.

³ STL, *In the case against New TV S.A.L. and Khayat*, STL-14-05/PT/CJ, F0054, Decision on Motion Challenging Jurisdiction and on Request for Leave to Amend Order in Lieu of an Indictment, 24 July 2014.

⁴ STL, *In the case against New TV S.A.L. and Khayat*, STL-14-05/PT/CJ, *Amicus Curiae* Proposed Timeline, 20 May 2014, Annex A; see also *In the case against New TV S.A.L. and Khayat*, STL-14-05/PT/CJ, Consolidated Defence Response to Amicus Prosecutor’s Request for Extension of Time and *Amicus Curiae* Proposed Timeline, 29 May 2014, para 8.

⁵ I have previously decided that in light of the limited scope of this case, it may not appropriate to adhere to the time limits contemplated in the Rules with respect to the main case (see *In the case against New TV S.A.L. and Khayat*, STL-14-05, Transcript of 13 May 2014 (T2), pp. 7-8).

DISPOSITION

FOR THESE REASONS;

PURSUANT to Rules 60 *bis* (H), 91 (G) and 91 (I) of the Rules;

I

ORDER *Amicus* to file a pre-trial brief and a list of witnesses and exhibits by 1 September 2014;

ORDER the Defence for the Accused to file its pre-trial brief by 22 September 2014.

Done in Arabic, English and French, the English version being authoritative.

Dated 24 July 2014

Leidschendam, the Netherlands



Judge Nicola Lettieri
Contempt Judge

