

**THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

Case No: STL-11-01/T/TC

Before: Judge David Re, Presiding
Judge Janet Nosworthy
Judge Micheline Braidy
Judge Walid Akoum, Alternate Judge
Judge Nicola Lettieri, Alternate Judge

Registrar: Mr Daryl Mundis

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**ORDER TO INCLUDE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC ON
THE COVER PAGE OF FILINGS RELATED TO STATE COOPERATION**

(Extract from Official Public Transcript of Hearing on 16 October 2015, page 32, line 10 to
page 34, line 3)

The Trial Chamber in its recent decisions on state cooperation included on the cover page of the filings the government of the Lebanese republic. These decisions are: One, "Decision on second and fifth motions by counsel for Mr. Assad Hassan Sabra and two orders to Lebanon to cooperate with the Tribunal," on the 31st of January, 2014, filing F1379.

Secondly:

"Further decision on motions under Rule 20(A) by counsel for Assad Hassan Sabra and four orders to Lebanon to cooperate with the Tribunal," 31st of March, 2014. That's filing F1471.

Thirdly:

"Decision on updated request for a finding of non-compliance," 27th March 2015, in filing F1889.

And fourth:

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"Order clarifying decision on updated request for a finding of non-compliance of 27th of March, 2015," filed on the 22nd of May, 2015, in filing F1960.

Including the Government of the Lebanese Republic on the cover page enables the Lebanese authorities to be aware and to keep track of the requests for assistance which are considered still to be outstanding. It's simply a technical matter because the Court Management Services Section distributes the filings to those whose names are on the front cover of a filing.

The Trial Chamber notes that counsel for Mr. Sabra did not include the Government of the Lebanese Republic on the cover pages of the 11 bi-weekly notices they have filed so far. Nor did the Prosecution in its "Submission in relation to the Sabra Defence request for filing - finding of non-compliance" filed on the 8th of September, 2015, filing 2178.

Therefore, to enable the Lebanese authorities to follow this litigation and to ensure consistency, the Trial Chamber instructs counsel for Mr. Sabra and the Prosecution and any other parties or participants to include the Government of the Lebanese Republic on the cover page of their future filings in relation to state cooperation unless they inform the Trial Chamber of the reason not to do so in each case. This will also avoid the Trial Chamber having to repeatedly authorize the Registry to provide the filings related to state cooperation to the Lebanese government. If you put it on the front page, it will go there automatically through the Registry.

Finally, as to the possibility of inviting the Government of Lebanon to make submissions, the Trial Chamber is not at this point, we emphasize, considering issuing such the invitation. But, of course, the Government of Lebanon is entitled to make any submissions in any of these matters if it wishes to do so.

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