

**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

Date: 6 April 2016

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DECISION ON EXPERT WITNESS MR GARY PLATT (PRH47) UNDER RULE 161

(Extract from Official Public Transcript of Hearing on 6 April 2016, page 1, line 23 to page 2, line 15)

Prosecution has moved the Trial Chamber to declare Prosecution investigator Mr. Gary Platt as an expert witness. The counsel for each of the five accused opposed the application.

On the 4th and 5th of April, 2016, the Trial Chamber conducted a lengthy voir dire of testimony from Mr. Platt as to his qualifications. Having heard the evidence and the submissions of the parties, the Trial Chamber is satisfied that Mr. Platt falls within the legal definition of an expert; namely, “a person whom by virtue of some specialized knowledge, skill, or training can assist the trier of fact to understand or determine an issue in dispute”.

The Trial Chamber is further satisfied, on a discretionary basis, that Mr. Platt's employment as an investigator with the Office of the Prosecutor does not of itself disqualify him from being classified as an expert. The Trial Chamber will therefore declare Mr. Platt as qualified to give an expert opinion in two limited areas: Namely, matters connected with, one,

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the surveillance of criminal networks; and, two, the identification and organization of covert communications networks.

Full written reasons will follow shortly.

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