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## **BEFORE THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

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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:

28 June 2016

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English

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**Public** 

**PROSECUTOR** 

SALIM JAMIL AYYASH MUSTAFA AMINE BADREDDINE HASSAN HABIB MERHI **HUSSEIN HASSAN ONEISSI** ASSAD HASSAN SABRA

Public Redacted Version of "ORDER TO THE PROSECUTION **REGARDING A WITNESS" of 28 June 2016** 

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- 1. Arguing that a witness is unavailable to testify, the Prosecution has moved the Trial Chamber to receive into evidence, under Rule 158 of the Special Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence, three relevant documents. The Defence of Mr Hassan Habib Merhi, Mr Hussein Hassan Oneissi, and Mr Assad Hassan Sabra oppose the motion, arguing that the witness is not unavailable and the documents should not be received into evidence. To assist the Trial Chamber in determining whether the witness is 'unavailable' within Rule 158, the Trial Chamber orders the Prosecution to undertake the following additional steps:
  - To obtain, if possible, any medical records supporting that the witness has any medical issues preventing the witness from testifying;<sup>3</sup>
  - To attempt to contact the witness and to explore the possibility of using protective measures under Rule 133;
  - To take all necessary steps to establish whether it is possible for the witness to testify by video conference link from the witness's country of residence; and
  - To establish the witness's legal status in the witness's country of residence and whether there are any conditions requiring cooperation with relevant legal authorities.

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

Leidschendam, The Netherlands 28 June 2016

Judge David Re, Presiding

Judge Janet Nosworthy

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<sup>1</sup> [REDACTED]; see STL-11-01/T/TC, Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Badreddine, Merhi, Oneissi and Sabra, F2601, Prosecution motion to admit [REDACTED], 25 May 2016, confidential.

<sup>3</sup> As set out in the statement of Prosecution investigator, Mr Toby Smith, ERN 60317889-60317893, 2016, [REDACTED].

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> F2619, Mehri Defence response to "Prosecution motion to admit [REDACTED], 9 June 2016; F2621 Sabra Defence response to "Prosecution motion to admit [REDACTED]", 9 June 2016, confidential with an annex: F2622, Defence for Hussein Hassan Oneissi response to "Prosecution motion to admit [REDACTED], Dated 25 May 2016, 9 June 2016, confidential with annexes A to L; see also F2623, Prosecution consolidated repty to Sabra Defence and Oneissi Defence to Prosecution motion to admit [REDACTED], 14 June 2016.