

SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

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THE TRIAL CHAMBER**SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON**

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: 13 October 2016

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THE PROSECUTOR

v.

**SALIM JAMIL AYYASH
HASSAN HABIB MERHI
HUSSEIN HASSAN ONEISSI
ASSAD HASSAN SABRA**

**DECISION AUTHORISING THE VENUE FOR WITNESS PRH620'S TESTIMONY
BY VIDEO-CONFERENCE LINK**

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Mr Geoffrey Roberts

1. The Trial Chamber, on 26 July 2015, authorised the testimony of Witness PRH620 by video-conference link, under Rule 124 of the Special Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence.¹
2. Article 2 (2) (a) of the relevant Practice Direction specifies, as 'possible venues' for video-conference link—the Special Tribunal's offices including in Lebanon, a court facility, and embassies or consulates. It then provides that '[W]ith the permission of the Pre-Trial Judge or the Chamber, any other appropriate facility may be used'.² The Registrar, on 11 October 2016, filed a public submission identifying, in a confidential and *ex parte* annex, a conference facility in a third State, for the video-conference testimony.³ The Trial Chamber has consulted the Parties and none intend to make submissions.
3. The Trial Chamber has reviewed the Registry submission and annex and is satisfied that the conference facility identified in the annex is an 'appropriate facility' for the testimony by video-conference link. Its use is accordingly authorized.
4. The annex shall remain confidential and *ex parte* until the completion of the witness's testimony, and any further submissions from the Registrar on its status.

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

Leidschendam,
The Netherlands
13 October 2016

David Re

Judge David Re, Presiding

Janet Nosworthy

Judge Janet Nosworthy

Micheline Braidy

Judge Micheline Braidy



¹ STL-11-01/T/TC, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Merhi, Oneissi and Sabra*, F2666, Decision on Prosecution Motion for Video-Conference Link Testimony for Witness PRH620, 26 July 2016.

² STL-PD-2010-03, Practice Direction for Video-Conference Links at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, 15 January 2010.

³ F2769, Registry submission pursuant to Rule 48 (C) regarding video-conference link venue for testimony of Witness PRH620, 11 October 2016.