

**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: 24 March 2017

Original language: English

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**DECISION GRANTING PROSECUTION'S ORAL APPLICATION AND
AUTHORISING WITNESS PRH028 TO TESTIFY BY VIDEO-CONFERENCE LINK**

(Extract from Official Public Transcript of Hearing on 24 March 2017, page 81, line 14 to
page 82, line 6)

The Prosecution has made an application under Rule 124 that a witness, Witness 028, testify via video-conference link from the Tribunal's Beirut Office.

Under that Rule, the Chamber may, in the interests of justice, order the testimony be received via video-conference link. The Trial Chamber, in a decision on the 31st of January, 2017, filing F2963, entitled “Decision on the Prosecution Motion to Admit Ten Witness Statements Related to Salim Jamil Ayyash and Hassan Habib Merhi and to Admit One Exhibit,” acceded to a request by counsel acting for the accused Mr. Merhi that the witness be ordered to attend the court for cross-examination, and the Trial Chamber decided that the witness's statement could be admitted into evidence under Rule 155(C), meaning without requiring the witness to testify to the contents of the statement but would have to be cross-examined under Rule 156.

The Chamber has heard the application and is satisfied that it's in the interests of justice and notes that the counsel for Mr. Merhi do not oppose the application, and the

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Chamber orders the witness to testify by video-conference link most probably in the week of 4th of April, 2017.

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