SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

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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

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THE PROSECUTOR

V.

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

ORDER APPROVING CONFIDENTIALITY UNDERTAKING SUBMITTED BY DEFENCE FOR HUSSEIN HASSAN ONEISSI

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Counsel for Mr Hussein Hassan Oneissi:

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Counsel for Mr Assad Hassan Sabra:

Mr David Young & Mr Geoffrey Rolle

- 1. As ordered by the Trial Chamber in its decision of 27 February 2017 varying protective measures for a witness, counsel for the Accused Mr Hussein Hassan Oneissi submitted a confidentiality undertaking for the Trial Chamber's approval. The undertaking was prepared in consultation with the Victims and Witnesses Unit. The Prosecution responded, proposing a minor addition to the text of the undertaking.²
- 2. Having carefully reviewed the proposed text of confidentiality undertaking and the addition proposed by the Prosecution, the Trial Chamber is satisfied that the proposed undertaking complies with the findings it made in its decision of 27 February 2017, namely that the undertaking needs to be carefully worded to minimise the unauthorised dissemination of the relevant information, while enabling the Oneissi Defence to efficiently conduct its investigations.
- 3. The Oneissi Defence submitted the cover filing, and the annex containing the undertaking confidentially to preserve the confidentiality and integrity of its investigations. The Prosecution also filed its response confidentially. The Trial Chamber will maintain the confidentiality of the Oneissi Defence submissions and the Prosecution response until it decides otherwise.

For these reasons, the Trial Chamber approves the written undertaking proposed by counsel for Mr Hussein Hassan Oneissi, with the addition to the text proposed by the Prosecution, namely 'save with the leave of the Chamber' at the end of the first sentence in the second paragraph.

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¹ STL-11-01/T/TC, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Merhi, Oneissi, and Sabra*, F3014, Decision Varying Protective Measures for a Witness, 27 February 2017 (confidential), paras 6-7 and disposition; F3062, Oneissi Defence Submission of Confidentiality Undertaking, 31 March 2017 (confidential).

² F3064, Prosecution Response to Oneissi Defence Submission of Confidentiality Undertaking, 4 April 2017 (confidential).

³ The Prosecution proposed 'save with the leave of the court'. However, 'Chamber' is the more appropriate term.

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

Leidschendam, The Netherlands 6 April 2017

Judge David Re, Presiding

David Re

Judge Janet Nosworthy

Judge Micheline Braidy

