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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14 September 2017

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THE PROSECUTOR

v.

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

ORDER TO PROSECUTION TO UPDATE THE TRIAL CHAMBER ON ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SECURE WITNESS PRH024'S ATTENDANCE FOR CROSS-EXAMINATION

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- 1. On 28 April 2017, the Trial Chamber decided to admit into evidence the statement of Witness PRH024, finding that he was untraceable and therefore 'unavailable' under Rule 158 of the Special Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence. A summons requiring the witness' attendance for cross-examination had not been served upon him.
- 2. However, the decision stated, at paragraph 40, that 'should he become available during the course of the trial, he must appear for cross-examination by the Defence. For this reason, the Prosecution must continue, with the assistance of the Lebanese Government, its diligent efforts to secure the witness' attendance during the course of the trial'.
- 3. The Trial Chamber has not yet formally received the witness statement—in the form of an audio-recorded interview—into evidence.³
- 4. Consequent to the decision, the Trial Chamber orders the Prosecution to update the Trial Chamber, as soon as possible, on these efforts.

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

Leidschendam, The Netherlands 14 September 2017

Judge David Re, Presiding

Judge Janet Nosworthy

Judge Micheline Braidy

¹ STL-11-01/T/TC, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Merhi, Oneissi and Sabra*, F3107, Corrected Version of "Decision on 'Prosecution Motion to Admit the Statement of PRH024 under Rule 158' – with Partially Dissenting Opinion of Judge David Re" dated 28 April 2017, 1 May 2017.

² F3027, Order Issuing a Summons for a Witness, 9 March 2017 (confidential); F3056, Further R Submission pursuant to Rule 48(C) in Response to the Trial Chamber's Order of 13 March 2017, 29 March (confidential with confidential annex A); F3056, Addendum to "Further Registry Submission pursuant Rule 48(C) in Response to the Trial Chamber's Order of 13 March 2017", 4 April 2017 (confidential confidential annex A).

³ However, it has been marked for identification as exhibit P2103 MFI; see transcript of 20 July 2017, pp 5