

TRIAL CHAMBER I (“The Chamber”) of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Special Court”) composed of Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet, Presiding Judge, Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson and Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga Itoe;

NOTING the “Order Concerning the Preparation and Presentation of the Defence Case” filed on the 21st of October 2005;

NOTING that a Status Conference was held pursuant to this Order on the 27th of October 2005 for the purpose of considering the preparation and presentation of the Defence case and in particular:

- a.) the number of Defence witnesses that will be called for each Defence Team;
- b.) whether joint witnesses will be called by the Defence Teams;
- c.) whether expert witnesses will be called, and if so, the nature of such witnesses;
- d.) whether the Accused will testify at trial;
- e.) whether protective measures are necessary for Defence witnesses;
- f.) the anticipated length of the Defence case;
- g.) whether opening statements will be made by the Accused;

NOTING the “Joint Defence Materials Filed Pursuant to 21 October 2005 Order of Trial Chamber I and Request for Partial Modification Thereof” filed on the 17th of November 2005;

CONSIDERING that Article 17(4)(c) of the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone provides that the Accused shall be entitled “to be tried without undue delay”;

CONSIDERING that it is in the interest of the parties and in the interest of justice to hold a further Status Conference in order to consider the Joint Defence Materials and the preparation and presentation of the Defence case;

PURSUANT TO Rule 54 and Rule 65 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court;

HEREBY ORDERS that a Status Conference shall be held on Wednesday, the 23rd of November 2005 at 10:00am in Courtroom 1.

Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 18th day of November 2005,

Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga
Itoe

Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet
Presiding Judge,

Hon. Justice Bankole
Thompson

Trial Chamber I

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