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OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

Freetown - Sierra Leone

Before:

Hon. Justice Richard Lussick, Presiding

Hon. Justice Teresa Doherty Hon. Justice Julia Sebutinde

Registrar:

Mr. Lovemore G. Munlo SC

Date filed:

27 November 2006

THE PROSECUTOR

Against

Alex Tamba Brima Brima Bazzy Kamara Santigie Borbor Kanu

Case No. SCSL-04-16-T

PUBLIC

URGENT PROSECUTION MOTION FOR RELIEF TO FILE A FINAL BRIEF NOT EXCEEDING 500 PAGES

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I. Introduction

- 1. The Prosecution files this Motion asking the Trial Chamber for relief to file a Final Brief not exceeding 500 pages.
- 2. The Prosecution requests that this motion be dealt with by the Trial Chamber as a matter of urgency. The Prosecution requests that the Trial Chamber order expedited filings in relation to this motion, such as any Defence response would be filed by November 28 2006.

II. Argument

- 3. On 30 October 2006 the Trial Chamber ordered the Prosecution to file, inter alia, one consolidated final trial brief in respect of the three Accused persons, which may include a joint statement of the law in relation to all three Accused persons and a statement of the facts in relation to each Accused separately¹.
- 4. The Trial Chamber further ordered that "by agreement of the parties, the length of the consolidated final brief filed by the Prosecution shall not exceed 400 pages."2
- 5. The Prosecution submits that it agreed to a 400 page limit, thinking this would suffice to set out its case in an accurate manner. It was also guided by the order in the CDF case containing the same page limit³. However, the AFRC Indictment contains 14 counts as compared to 8 in the CDF Indictment.. Therefore, in order to fulfill its duty and to lay out a comprehensive description and analysis of all the evidence and related legal issues, the Prosecution now realizes that the page limit of 400 does not suffice.
- 6. The Prosecution submits that by giving the relief sought the Defence would not be prejudiced as each Accused is entitled to file a brief of 200 pages, resulting in a total of 600 pages for the Defence.
- 7. It is therefore in the interests of justice to grant the motion accordingly.

Prosecutor v Brima, Kamara, Kanu, SCSL-4-16-T-581, "Order for Filing of Final Trial Briefs and Presentation of Closing Arguments", 30 October 2006, para 1.

² Ibid, para 6 a.

³ Prosecution v Norman, Fofana, Kondewa, SCSL-04-14-T-703, "Order for Filing Final Trial Briefs and Presenting Closing Arguments", 29 September 2006, para 4.

III. Relief sought

8. The Prosecution seeks relief to file a consolidated final trial brief that shall not exceed 500 pages.

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