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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE Office of the Prosecutor Freetown – Sierra Leone

- Before: Judge Bankole Thompson, Designated Judge
- Registrar: Robin Vincent

Date filed: 12 May 2003

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Against

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Office of the Prosecutor:

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- 1. On 29 April 2003 the Prosecution filed its Reply to Response of Defence Office to "Prosecution Motion For Immediate Protective Measures For Witnesses and Victims and For Non-Public Disclosure"
- 2. James Oury and Steven Powles were appointed to represent the Accused, effective 1 May 2003.
- 3. On 12 May 2003, 11 days after the effective date of his appointment, Defence Counsel Oury filed Defence Objection To Evidence Filed As Reply Evidence In The Prosecution Motion For Immediate Protective Measures For Witnesses and Victims And For Non-Public Disclosure. However it may have been captioned, this pleading is, in essence, a further response to the Prosecution Reply.

- 4. No such pleading is specifically permitted in the Special Court Rules of Procedure and Evidence or the Practice Direction On Filing Documents Before the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Despite this, and inconsistent with the Court's authority to control the proceedings, the Defence objection was apparently filed without first seeking leave of the Court or showing good cause for the additional filing.
- 5. The Court could reject the untimely, unauthorized Defence pleading. Should the Court accept the Defence pleading, the Prosecution requests leave to file a response. Unlike the Prosecution Reply, the Defence further response does raise new issues, both as to the procedure followed and as to the merits of the argument advanced. The Prosecution requests leave to address these new issues.

Freetown, 12 May 2003

For the Prosecutor,

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