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**Before:** Justice Teresa Doherty, Designated Duty Judge  
**Registrar:** Ms. Binta Mansaray  
**Date:** 8 July 2020  
**Case No.:** RSCSL-03-01-ES

In the matter of

**THE APPLICATION OF CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR**

**PROSECUTOR'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO RESPOND TO PRINCIPAL  
DEFENDER'S REQUEST FOR THE WITHDRAWAL AND/OR RECUSAL OF HON.  
JUSTICE TERESA DOHERTY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (UK) AS DESIGNATED  
DUTY JUDGE**

**DECISION**

**Office of the Prosecutor:**  
MR. James C. Johnson  
Mr. Mohammed A. Bangura

**Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:**  
Mr. Easa M.Faal

**Defence Office:**  
Mr. Ibrahim Yillah  
Mr. Hassan Sherry

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**SEIZED** of “Prosecutor's Motion For Leave To Respond To Principal Defender's Request For The Withdrawal and/or Recusal of Hon. Justice Teresa Doherty of The United Kingdom (UK) as Designated Duty Judge” (“Motion”) wherein the Prosecutor seeks leave to respond to the Principal Defender’s Request on the grounds, inter alia, that the “Request for Recusal raises a novel issue relating to recusal/disqualification of a judge from a matter for apparent bias based on his/her nationality. If considered favourably, the decision will impact on the settled principles on this subject in the jurisprudence of international courts and tribunals and as well, those of the most advanced legal systems of the world<sup>1</sup>”.

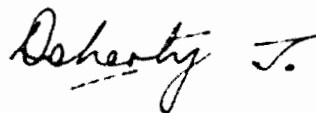
**COGNISANT** of the provisions of Article 11(2)of the Statute of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Statute”), and Rules 7 and 15*bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”);

**CONSIDERING** that the Prosecutor’s proposed Response raise relevant issues of jurisprudence and law;

**GRANTS LEAVE** to Prosecutor to file a Response of the Principal Defender’s Request

**DIRECTS** the Registrar to accept the Response as lodged for filing forthwith.

Done this 8 day of July 2020



Justice Teresa Doherty

Designated Duty Judge



<sup>1</sup>RSCSL-03-01-ES 1453: para 3.