## SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

## TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding Judge

Justice Richard Lussick Justice Teresa Doherty

Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate Judge

Registrar:

Herman von Hebel

Case No.:

SCSL-03-1-T

Date:

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007

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**PROSECUTOR** 

**Against** 

**CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR** 

DECISION ON PROSECUTION MOTION TO RESCIND PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR WITNESSES

Office of the Prosecutor:

Brenda J. Hollis Nick Koumjian Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:

Courtenay Griffiths, Q.C.

Terry Munyard Andrew Cayley TRIAL CHAMBER II ("Trial Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court");

SEISED of the "Prosecution Motion to Rescind Protective Measures for Witnesses", filed on 26 July 2007 ("Motion"), wherein the Prosecution requests that the protective measures ordered in respect of Witnesses TF1-092 in the case of *Prosecutor v. Sesay, Kallon and Gbao*<sup>1</sup> ("first proceedings"), and in respect of TF1-406 in this case<sup>2</sup> ("Protective Measure Decision"), be rescinded;

NOTING that the Defence did not file a response to the Motion;

**CONSIDERING** the provisions of Rule 75(G) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence ("the Rules") that

A party to the second proceedings seeking to rescind, vary or augment protective measures ordered in the first proceedings shall apply to the Chamber seized of the second proceedings.

**NOTING** the Prosecution submission that the application is made following informed discussions with the Prosecution and the Prosecution's Management unit in which each witness has indicated his willingness to testify in open court and has verbally waived his right to the said protective measures, including those related to the release of the witness' identity to the public;<sup>3</sup>

**SATISFIED** that this is an appropriate case for rescission of the said protective measures in order to ensure a public trial;

PURSUANT to Rules 54, 75 and 78 of the Rules;

**GRANTS THE MOTION AND ORDERS** that the protective measures ordered in the "first Proceedings" in respect of witnesses TF1-092 and in the "Protective Measure Decision" in respect of witness TF1-406, be rescinded.

Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2007.

Justice Richard Lussick

Justice Julia Selupinde

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prosecutor v. Sesay Kallon and Gbao, SCSL 04-15 PT 180 "Decision on Resecution Motion for Modification of Protective Measures for Witnesses", 5 July 2004

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor, SCSL-03-1-PT-99 "Decision on Confidential Prosecution Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and for Non-Public Disclosure and Urgent Request for Interim Measures and on Confidential Prosecution Motion for Leave to Substitute a Corrected and Supplemented List as Annex A of the Confidential Prosecution Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and for Non-Public Disclosure and Urgent Request for Interim Measures", 5 May 2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Prosecutor v. Taylor, Case No. SCSL-03-01-T, Prosecution Motion to Rescind Protective Measures for Witnesses, 26 July 2007, para. 5.