SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Justice Richard Lussick, Presiding Judge

Justice Teresa Doherty Justice Julia Sebutinde

Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate Judge

Acting Registrar:

Binta Mansaray

Case No.:

SCSL-03-1-T

Date:

24 July 2009

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v.

Charles Ghankay TAYLOR

DECISION ON PUBLIC WITH ANNEX A DEFENCE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE WITNESS ORDER AND LIST OF EXHIBITS FOR THE WEEK 27 JULY - 31 JULY 2009 OUT OF TIME

Office of the Prosecutor:

Brenda J. Hollis

Defence Counsel for Charles G. Taylor:

Courtenay Griffiths, Q.C.

Terry Munyard Andrew Cayley

Morris Anyah

Silas Chekera

James Supuwood

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

SEISED of the "Public with Annex A Defence Motion for Leave to File Witness Order and List of Exhibits for the Week 27 July – 31 July 2009 Out of Time", filed on 21 July 2009 ("Motion"), wherein the Defence requests the Trial Chamber to grant leave to file out of time the witness list and list of exhibits for the week of 27 through 31 July 2009 as annexed to the Motion ("Annexes A and B");²

RECALLING the "Order for Expedited Filing in Relation to Public with Annex A Defence Motion for Leave to File Witness Order and List of Exhibits for the Week 27 July – 31 July 2009 Out of Time", dated 21 July 2009, wherein the Trial Chamber expedited the time limits for filing the response and reply respectively;³

NOTING the Prosecution "Response to 'Public with Annex A Defence Motion for Leave to File Witness Order and List of Exhibits for the Week 27 July – 31 July 2009 Out of Time", filed on 22 July 2009 ("Response"), wherein the Prosecution submits that it is prejudiced by receiving the exhibit list late and that "the Prosecution must be familiar with potential exhibits when they are *initially* presented to the witness in order to make any objections to the document, foundational or otherwise", that "the Prosecution at this time only believes that it will be ready for introduction of 23 DCT exhibits: 47, 175, 196, 39, 213, 214, 109, 163, 11, 146, 217, 60, 75, 4, 139, 88, 36, 176, 9, 198, 170, 52, and 144", that it will be "amenable to the introduction of the photographs from DCT-261 if a colour copy is provided this week which would allow it to discern who is pictured", that "[the] Prosecution will endeavour to review the larger remaining documents but asks that the Defence accommodate it by holding off on introducing the larger exhibits until later in the week or into the following week after discussing such introduction with the Prosecution's Principal Trial Attorney. These remaining exhibits are DCT 7, 9, 12, 18, 201, 102, 23, and 256" but that "[nevertheless] [...] the Prosecution does not object to the Trial Chamber granting the Motion [...]";⁵

NOTING that the Defence did not file a Reply to the Response;

CONSIDERING that the relief sought by the Defence is not opposed by the Prosecution subject to the abovementioned requests, and that it is in the interests of a fair and expeditious trial to allow the Defence to file the list out of time;

PURSUANT to Rules 7(C), 26bis, 54 and 73(A);

HEREBY GRANTS the Motion; and

ORDERS the Defence to file Annexes A and B to the Motion by 4:00pm, Friday, 24 July 2009.

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¹ SCSL-03-01-T-814.

² Motion, para. 12.

³ SCSL03-01-T-815.

⁴ SCSL-03-01-T-816.

⁵ Response, paras 6-10.

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Done at The Hague, The Netherlands, this 24th day of July 2009.

Justice Teresa Deherty

Justice Richard Lussick Presiding Judge

Justice Julia Sebutinde