



**TRIAL CHAMBER I** ("The Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court") composed of Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson, Presiding Judge, Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet and Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga Itoe;

**SEIZED OF** the "Fofana Motion for Extension of Time Pursuant to Rule 7bis", filed by Court Appointed Counsel for the Second Accused on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2006 ("Motion"),

**NOTING** the "Prosecution Response to 'Fofana Motion for Extension of Time Pursuant to Rule 7bis'", filed by the Prosecution on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2006, not objecting to the Motion;

**NOTING** that Rule 7(C) of the Rules provides that any reply to the response shall be filed within five days, unless otherwise ordered;

**CONSIDERING** that the Motion requests an extension of time of four days to file the Reply to the "Prosecution Response to 'Fofana Submissions Regarding Proposed Expert Witness Daniel J. Hoffman PhD'" ("Prosecution Response") no later than on Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2006, as opposed to the prescribed time limit of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2006;

**CONSIDERING** that in support of their request for an extension of time, Court Appointed Counsel for the Second Accused submit that "the member of the defence team responsible for preparing the Reply is scheduled to travel on 29-30 June and again on 3-4 July";

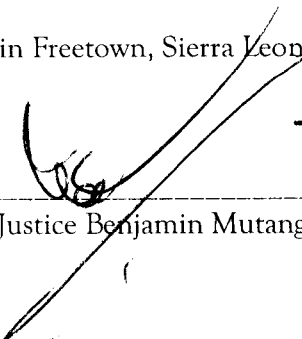
**MINDFUL OF** the rights of the Accused, and in particular of the provisions of Article 17(4)(b) of the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Statute") on the right "to have adequate time and facilities for the preparation of his or her defence" and of Article 17(4)(c) of the Statute on the right "to be tried without undue delay";

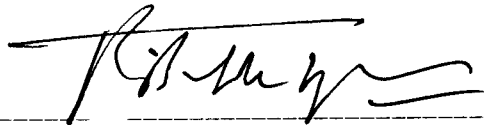
**FINDING** that in the present circumstances there do not exist good and sufficient cause or exceptional circumstances to grant an extension of time<sup>1</sup> to prepare the Reply to the Prosecution Response;

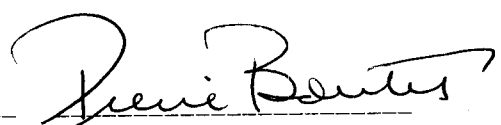
**PURSUANT** to Rules 7(C), 7bis, 26bis, 54 and 73 and of the Rules;

**HEREBY DISMISSES THE MOTION.**

Done in Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006.

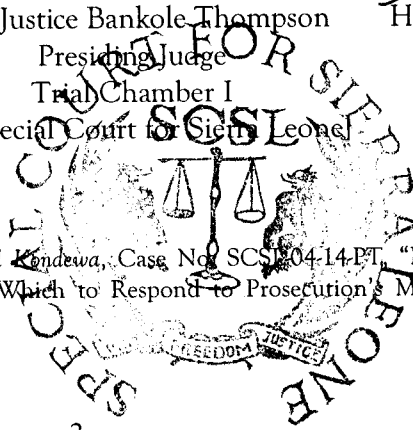
  
 Hon. Justice Benjamin Mutanga Itoe

  
 Hon. Justice Bankole Thompson

  
 Hon. Justice Pierre Boutet

Presiding Judge  
Trial Chamber I

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<sup>1</sup> See, *inter alia*, *Prosecutor against Norman, Fofana and Kondewa*, Case No. SCSL-04-14-PT, "Kondewa-Decision on Defence Motion Requesting an Extension of Time Within Which to Respond to Prosecution's Motion for Judicial Notice and Admission of Evidence", the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2004.