

SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Practice Direction on Disclosure by the Prosecutor Pursuant to Rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

Adopted 23 February 2004

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PREAMBLE

The Registrar of the Special Court for Sierra Leone,

CONSIDERING the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (hereinafter the "Statute") as annexed to the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone on the Establishment of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, signed on 16 January 2002, and in particular Article 16 thereof;

CONSIDERING the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (hereinafter the "Rules") as applicable pursuant to Article 14 of the Statute, and in particular Rule 33(D) and Rule 66 thereof;

HEREBY ISSUES, in consultation with the President of the Special Court, the Practice Direction on Disclosure by the Prosecutor pursuant to Rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (hereinafter the "Practice Direction"):

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL

The Prosecutor shall disclose materials to the Defence in accordance with Rule 66 of the Rules.

ARTICLE 2. DISCLOSURE TO THE REGISTRY

- 1. In the case of an accused who is still undergoing the process of being assigned a Counsel at the time of the disclosure, the Prosecutor shall submit the disclosure materials to the Court Management Section. The Court Management Section shall seal, date and store in a secure location the disclosed materials.
- 2. The Court Management Section shall forward the sealed materials to the assigned Counsel as soon as practicable after his or her assignment. Disclosure shall be deemed to take effect upon receipt of the materials by the assigned Counsel.

ARTICLE 3. ENTRY INTO FORCE

The Practice Direction shall enter into force on 23 February 2004.

ROBIN VINCENT

REGISTRAR

Dated 23 February 2004