

INTRODUCTION

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1. **THE APPEALS CHAMBER** (“Appeals Chamber”) of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Special Court”) composed of Justice George Gelaga King, Presiding, Justice Emmanuel Ayoola, Justice Renate Winter, Justice Raja Fernando and Justice Jon Kamanda;
2. **SEISED** of the “Joint Defence and Prosecution Motion for Extension of Time for the Filing of Response Briefs” filed on 29 November 2007 (the “Motion”), wherein the Parties submit the following:
 - i) The Parties jointly request an extension of three (3) weeks so that they may file their response briefs on or before 28 January 2008. The Parties submit that an extension of time is necessary due to the approaching festive season, the desire of international staff to take leave during the period of the judicial recess and that such extra time is in the interests of justice given the many important questions of law, fact and procedure involved in the Trial Judgment.

DELIBERATIONS

THE APPEALS CHAMBER hereby decides the following:

- i) The Appeals Chamber notes Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), which provides that the Appeals Chamber may grant a motion to extend a time limit upon a showing of good cause;
- ii) Having considered the Parties’ submissions, the Appeals Chamber notes that appeal briefs in this matter have not yet been filed. The Appeals Chamber therefore finds that no good cause has been shown for the extension of time sought.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, THE APPEALS CHAMBER HEREBY DENIES the Motion and ORDERS that all filings take place accordingly.

Done at Freetown this 6 December 2007.

Justice George Gelaga King
Presiding

Justice Emmanuel Ayoola

Justice Renate Winter

Justice Raja Fernando

Justice Jon Kamanda

