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Justice Bankole Thompson

Justice Pierre Boutet

Registrar:

Mr. Herman von Hebel

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The Prosecutor

Issa Hassan Sesay Morris Kallon Augustine Gbao

Case No:SCSL-2004-15-T

## **PUBLIC**

RESPONSE OF THE REGISTRAR TO THE "CORRECTION OF ERRORS CONTAINED WITHIN THE REGISTRAR'S SUBMISSION" FILED BY THE SESAY DEFENCE TEAM ON 7 NOVEMBER 2007

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## **SUBMISSIONS**

- 1. The Registrar is in receipt of both the "Correction of Errors Contained Within the Registrar's Submission Pursuant to the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 Interim Order Concerning Application for Judicial Review" (hereafter, the "Sesay Submission") that the Sesay Defence Team filed on 7 November 2007 and the "Confidential Compliance With 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 Interim Order Concerning Application for Judicial Review" that the Sesay Defence Team filed on 5 November 2007.
- 2. The Registrar disagrees with several assertions made by the Sesay Defence Team in both of these submissions. However, the Registrar is mindful that the "Interim Order Concerning Application for Judicial Review" (hereafter, the "Interim Order") issued by the Trial Chamber on 1 November 2007 was extremely limited in scope with regards to what the Trial Chamber sought from the Office of the Registrar, the Defence Office and the Sesay Defence Team. Certainly, it does not appear to the Registrar that the precisely worded Interim Order envisaged endless rounds of briefing by the parties.
- 3. Furthermore, neither the "Practice Direction on Filing Documents before the Special Court for Sierra Leone" nor the "Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone" supports a policy of unauthorised supplemental briefing by the parties.
- 4. Should the Trial Chamber seek any additional information from the Registrar to clarify any confusion or ambiguity created by the Sesay Defence Team's submissions of 5 November 2007 and 7 November 2007, the Registrar is ready, willing and able to provide his assistance. Unless the Trial Chamber instructs the Registrar to do so, however, he will not burden the Trial Chamber with additional, unauthorised briefing on these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Freetown, 8 November 2007

Herman von Hebel

Registrar