

SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Justice Shireen Avis Fisher

Presiding Judge

Registrar:

Ms. Binta Mansaray

Date:

21 June 2012

PROSECUTOR

Against

CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR (Case No. SCSL-03-01-A)

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ORDER DESIGNATING A PRE-HEARING JUDGE PUSUANT TO RULE 109 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE

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Justice Shireen Avis Fisher, Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court");

NOTING that on 26 April 2012, Trial Chamber II delivered a summary of its Judgment in the case of *Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Talor* ("Charles Taylor case"), followed by a written Judgment filed on 18 May 2012, and a Corrigendum to the Judgment being filed on 30 May 2012 ("Corrigendum");

NOTING that on 30 May 2012, Trial Chamber II delivered its Sentencing Judgment in the Charles Taylor case,² and that the Prosecution and Defence ("Parties") were served with the Corrigendum and Sentencing Judgment on 31 May 2012;

CONSIDERING Rule 109(A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court ("Rules") which authorises the Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber to designate a Pre-Hearing Judge from among the members of the Appeals Chamber to supervise all appeals arising from a particular trial;

CONSIDERING that on 18 June 2012, a Status Conference was held at which Mr. Taylor was present, and at the Status Conference, both the Prosecution and Defence ("Parties") agreed that a Notice of Intention to Appeal was sufficient under Rule 109(A) to trigger the designation of the pre-hearing judge;³

CONSIDERING that on 18 June 2012, both Parties filed Notices of Intention to Appeal, ("Notices");⁴

FURTHER CONSIDERING the need to ensure expeditious proceedings before the Special Court;

HEREBY DESIGNATE myself to serve as the Pre-Hearing Judge in *Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor*, Case No. SCSL-03-01-A.

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¹Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor, SCSL-03-01-T-1281, Trial Chamber, Judgment, 18 May 2012 [Judgment]; Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor, SCSL-03-01-T-1284, Trial Chamber, Corrigendum to Judgment Filed on 18 May 2012, 30 May 2012 [Corrigendum].

² Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor, SCSL-03-01-T-1285, Trial Chamber, Sentencing Judgment, 30 May 2012.

³ Status Conference transcript, 18 June 2012, pp. 49762-49763.

⁴Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor, SCSL-03-01-A-1292, Prosecution Notice of Intention to Appeal, 18 June 2012; Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor, SCSL-03-01-A-1293, Defence Notice of Intention to File Notice of Appeal, 18 June 2012.

Done in The Hague, The Netherlands, this 21st day of June 2012

Hon. Justice Shireen Avis Fisher

Presiding Judge of the Appeals Chamber

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