



**THE TRIAL CHAMBER** ("Trial Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court");

**RECALLING** the Trial Chamber's "Order for Filing Pre-Trial Briefs" of 13 February 2004, in which it ordered that each Defence team file its pre-trial brief by 23 March 2004, pursuant to Rule 54 and Rule 73 bis (F) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court ("Rules");

**NOTING** that the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") filed its pre-trial brief on 2 March 2004,<sup>1</sup> in accordance with the Trial Chamber's Order;

**CONSIDERING** the submissions of defence counsel for Sam Hinga Norman, Moinina Fofana and Allieu Kondewa at the Status Conference on 4 March 2004 on various issues including disclosure;

**CONSIDERING** that defence counsel for Sam Hinga Norman requested that the date for filing its pre-trial brief be suspended until after full disclosure or otherwise until after the order on Protective Measures is lifted;

**CONSIDERING** that each party is to address factual and legal issues in its pre-trial brief for the purposes of, *inter alia*, assisting the Trial Chamber in determining contested issues of fact and law;

**CONSIDERING** that the Trial Chamber, and indeed opposing counsel, will be more greatly assisted by a well-prepared, detailed pre-trial brief than by a pre-trial brief drafted without the benefit of extensive disclosure and sufficient pre-trial preparation;

**FINDING THEREFORE** that it is in the interests of justice to revise the Order of 13 February 2004 in relation to the date for filing pre-trial briefs by the Defence in this case; and

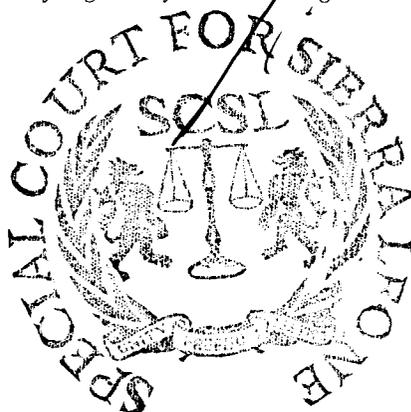
**HEREBY ORDERS** that the pre-trial briefs shall be filed by each Defence team in this case two weeks prior to the date for the commencement of trial.

Done at Freetown this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2004

Judge Bankole Thompson  
Presiding Judge,  
Trial Chamber

Judge Benjamin Mutanga Itoe

Judge Pierre Boutet



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<sup>1</sup> Prosecution's Pre-Trial Brief Pursuant to Order for Filing Pre-Trial Briefs (under Rules 54 and 73 bis) of 13 February 2004, 2 March 2004.