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TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Justice Richard Lussick, Presiding Judge

Justice Teresa Doherty Justice Julia Sebutinde

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PROSECUTOR

Against

Charles Ghankay Taylor (Case No.SCSL-03-1-PT)

DECISION ON URGENT PROSECUTION MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR WITNESSES AND FOR NON-PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

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TRIAL CHAMBER II ("Trial Chamber") of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court"), composed of Justice Richard Lussick, Presiding Judge, Justice Teresa Doherty and Justice Julia Sebutinde;

SEISED of the Urgent Prosecution Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and for Non-Public Disclosure, filed on 4 September 2006 ("Motion"), in which the Prosecution requests the Trial Chamber to extend the protective measures ordered in its Decision on Confidential Prosecution Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and for Non-Public Disclosure and Urgent Request for Interim Measures, dated 25 April 2006 ("Protective Measures Decision") to the witnesses in Annex A of the Motion;

NOTING that the Defence has not filed any Response to the Motion;

RECALLING the applicable law and findings in the Trial Chamber's Protective Measures Decision;

BEING SATISFIED by the evidence presented that the potential threats to the security of witnesses have not diminished since the Protective Measures Decision and that the witnesses referred to in Annex A are subject to the same security threats;

HEREBY GRANTS THE MOTION

and

ORDERS that the protective measures ordered in the Trial Chamber's Decision on Confidential Prosecution Motion for Immediate Protective Measures for Witnesses and for Non-Public Disclosure and Urgent Request for Interim Measures dated 25 April 2006 shall also apply to the witnesses referred to in Annex A of the Motion.

Done at Freetown, Sierra Leone, this 15th day of September 2006.

Justice Teresa Doherty

Justice Richard Lussick Presiding Judge Justice Julia Sebutinde