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

Fugate
**DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE NOTICE
OF APPEAL**

Mr. Morris Anyah
Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan
Mr. Christopher Gosnell
Ms. Kate Gibson

Justice Shireen Avis Fisher, Designated Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Special Court”), acting in accordance with the Chamber’s “Order Designating a Judge Pursuant to Rule 116” dated 7 June 2012;

NOTING the “Defence Motion for Extension of Time to File Notice of Appeal” (“Defence Motion”) dated 5 June 2012, in which the Defence requests an extension of the deadline for the filing of its Notice of Appeal by five weeks, until 19 July 2012;

NOTING the “Prosecution Response to Defence Motion for Extension of Time to File Notice of Appeal” (“Prosecution Response”) dated 6 June 2012, in which the Prosecution does not oppose a three week extension of the deadline for the Parties to file their respective Notices of Appeal by 5 July 2012;

RECALLING the “Scheduling Order for Status Conference on 18 June 2012” (“Scheduling Order”) dated 8 June 2012 and the Corrigendum thereto dated 11 June 2012, by which the deadline for filing Notices of Appeal, pursuant to Rule 108(A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court (“Rules”), is stayed until further order of the Court;

RECALLING the Status Conference held on 18 June 2012 during which both Parties were heard in full as to the Defence Motion;

CONSIDERING that, in addressing whether good cause existed under Rule 116 of the Rules, both Parties made submissions about the length and complexity of the Trial Judgment and referred to practices of the Special Court and other International Criminal Tribunals¹ as well as the introduction of the new “Practice Direction on the Structure of Grounds of Appeal Before the Special Court,”² which requires Notices of Appeal to be more focused and Appellant’s Submissions filed pursuant to Rule 111 to strictly conform to the Notice;

¹ Status Conference transcript, 18 June 2012, pp. 49755-49757.

² Practice Direction on the Structure of Grounds of Appeal Before the Special Court, 1 July 2011 (as amended 23 May 2012).

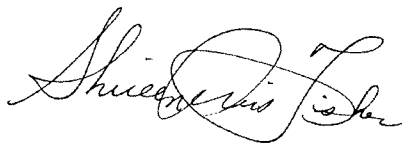
NOTING that additional time will allow the Parties to conduct a thorough review of the Trial Judgment and allow for more expeditious preparation of future filings pursuant to Rules 111, 112 and 113 of the Rules;

CONCLUDES that good cause has been shown for **GRANTING** the Defence Motion; and

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The stay for filing Notices of Appeal, pursuant to Rule 108(A), is lifted;
2. The Parties seeking to appeal the Judgment or Sentence shall file with the Registrar and serve upon the other party a written Notice of Appeal on or before 4:00 p.m. on 19 July 2012.

Done in The Hague, The Netherlands, this 20th day of June 2012.



Justice Shireen Avis Fisher,
Designated Judge

