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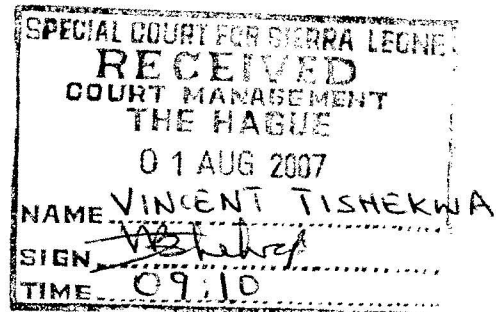
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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR
Freetown – Sierra Leone

Before: Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding
Justice Richard Lussick
Justice Teresa Doherty
Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate Judge

Registrar: Mr. Herman von Hebel

Date filed: 1 August 2007



THE PROSECUTOR

Against

Charles Ghankay Taylor

Case No. SCSL-03-01-T

PUBLIC AND URGENT

PROSECUTION RESPONSE TO DEFENCE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Prosecution files this response to the Defence motion for adjournment¹ pursuant to Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.
2. The Prosecution is ready to start leading its evidence on 20 August 2007. However, the Prosecution makes the following submissions with respect to the abovementioned Motion.
3. In light of the upcoming judicial recess and to avoid unduly disrupting witnesses' schedules, the Prosecution supports the Defence application for an expedited exchange of pleadings and an expedited decision.²

II. SUBMISSIONS

4. The Prosecution supports the Defence application for a reasonable time to respond to the outstanding Prosecution motions.³
5. The Defence application that a new date be fixed in early September for the next hearing in the case is reasonable, and the Prosecution supports that application.⁴
6. The defence application for adjournment until 7 January 2008 to allow new defence counsel adequate time and facilities to prepare a defence⁵ is a two-part application which requires a two-part response. The request for adjournment based on alleged inadequate facilities is without merit. The Defence has the necessary facilities available to them.⁶
7. However, the defence has established good cause for a reasonable delay to allow time to prepare.⁷ The duration of the delay is a matter within the sound discretion of the Trial Chamber, with due regard to the Accused's right to a fair trial.

¹ *Prosecutor v. Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-T-323, Defence Motion for Adjournment to Allow the Defence Adequate Time and Facilities to Prepare and Other Ancillary Matters ("Motion"), filed 31 July 2007.

² Motion, para. 1(d).

³ Motion, paras. 1(c) and 14(c).

⁴ Motion, paras. 1(b) and 14(b).

⁵ Motion, paras. 1(a) and 14(a).

⁶ *Prosecutor v. Taylor*, SCSL-03-01-T-290, Registrar's Submission in Response to the Order of Expedited Filing of 12 June 2007, filed on 12 June 2007, paras. 14-21.

⁷ Motion, paras. 1(a), 14(a) and 7-11.

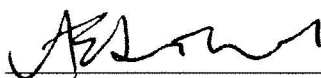
III. RELIEF REQUESTED

8. The Prosecution respectfully requests the Trial Chamber to render an expedited decision by Friday, 3 August 2007, before the commencement judicial recess Monday, 6 August 2007. The Prosecution further requests that the Trial Chamber grant the Defence application to allow a reasonable time to respond to the six outstanding Prosecution motions and set a date in early September for the next hearing in the case. The Prosecution requests that this hearing be a status conference. In addition, the Prosecution requests the Trial Chamber to grant the defence a reasonable delay to prepare, the duration to be determined within the sound discretion of the Trial Chamber.

Filed in The Hague,

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LIST OF AUTHORITIES**Prosecutor v. Taylor, SCSL-03-01-T**

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